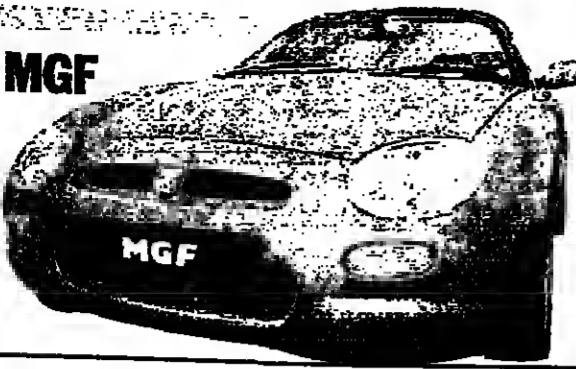


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England culprits and innocent share blame for jet fracas



BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE Football Association last night fined the entire England squad for the damage caused to a jumbo jet during a drinks party on the return flight from Hong Kong last week. No individuals were blamed for the smashing of two television sets and a table on the Cathay Pacific flight as the 22-man squad accepted "collective responsibility". Last night the airline said "a full and final settlement for damage to on-board equipment" on the jet had been agreed, to be paid by the FA

"as soon as the final bill is prepared". The cost is believed to be about £5,000. But MPs immediately condemned the FA for its refusal to name and expel the players responsible from the squad for the opening game of the 16-nation European Championship, which begins at Wembley on Saturday. After a face-to-face inquiry at their Burnham Beeches hotel, Terry Venables, the England coach, said: "The matter is now being dealt with internally — financial penalties will be imposed. The players express their sincere regret."

With security guards and police keeping the media away from the squad yesterday, Venables added: "Three of the players were very angry that they had taken the blame publicly — and without justification they believe. They told me they were seeking legal advice on compensation for the harm to their reputations." The players are believed to be Paul Gascoigne, Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman. Eric Hall, a leading soccer agent, said: "I'm amazed. It reminds me of the film *Spartacus*. All these people standing up saying 'I'm Spartacus', 'I'm Spartacus', 'I'm Spartacus'."

the film, *Spartacus* is saved from punishment by his fellow slaves who, to a man, offer to take punishment on his behalf. Mr Hall said: "The responsibility for the behaviour of two or three people is being taken by the whole squad. The culprits should stand up." David Wilshire, the Conservative MP for Spethorne, described the inquiry as a cover-up. "We have not been told who was responsible, nor how much they were fined. Information should have been forthcoming so that the police could have made a decision on whether a

prosecution might have been warranted. This attitude is what I would have expected from the FA. They do not want to damage England's chances, however many hooligans they have in the team." Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP for North-East Fife and former captain of the British athletics team, said the affair had been "lamentably" mishandled. "This is a very unsatisfactory ending to an incident which has done the England team great damage. Collective responsibility may conceal the particular individuals involved but it may also have the effect

of devaluing the whole squad." John Carlisle, the vice-chairman of the backbench Conservative Sports Committee, said: "At least they have accepted that damage was done and damage to the England reputation. Let us hope that the fines were substantial and not derisory." Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said: "It seems as if our players are as bad as our fans. It does not bode well for Euro '96 as far as England is concerned."

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Hillsborough police win £1.2m damages

BY STEWART TENDLER AND FRANCES GIBB

FOURTEEN police officers are to receive a total of £1.2 million in agreed damages for mental trauma suffered as a result of rescuing football fans during the Hillsborough disaster seven years ago. Last night, relations of the 96 fans who died in the crowd crush at the Leppings Lane end of the Sheffield Wednesday ground criticised the awards. Some were refused damages for post-traumatic stress after a legal test case five years ago. Officers as low as £2,000 for the loss of relations were made.

got to the suicidal stage, but clearly they have been in a very poor mental state for some time and continue to be so." Mr Allen said some officers had been declared unemployed by psychiatrists because of their mental suffering. Mr Allen added: "Members of the emergency services are no different from anyone else in that when their emotions are subjected to the gruesome scenes of a tragedy such as Hillsborough, they are likely to be mentally affected." Trevor Hicks, of Long Pres-

settlement outrageous. She said: "They will also have their pensions and everything else, won't they? We have got nothing at all." In 1991, the House of Lords ruled that relations were entitled to compensation only for the death of the fans unless they could prove they had a close emotional relationship with the victim and were at the game. Watching the disaster scene unfold on television and seeing their relatives being crushed against the crowd barriers did not create enough stress.

I cannot say any of them have got to the suicidal stage, but they have been in a very poor mental state

The lawyer for the police

ton, North Yorkshire, chairman of the Hillsborough Families' Support Group, who lost his two daughters, Sarah, 19, and Victoria, 15, in the tragedy said: "I'm gutted and I've had several families on to me who are appalled."

"We accept that these police officers are human beings and they have human emotions the same as anyone else. But it's fair and reasonable that members of the emergency services can expect that with the job goes a degree of this type of problem. The scale might have been bigger with Hillsborough, but that's not the point. These officers chose to be police officers. We did not choose to be victims." Joan Traynor, who lost two sons in the disaster, called the

The Hillsborough claim has been keenly watched by other members of the emergency services and the armed forces who believe it may pave the way to similar claims. The successful claim by the police officers has widened the present test, opening the way to claims by people for trauma incurred in the course of their jobs. At present there are strict tests about who can claim, depending chiefly on the House of Lords ruling in the claims for post-traumatic stress brought by the Hillsborough relations where guidelines were set out. The law lords' ruling made clear that a claimant must be able to show the defendant could have foreseen the disaster and was at fault in not taking adequate safety precautions. The claimant must also show that the mental trauma was caused by witnessing the event.

Last year, however, the Law Commission proposed that claimants should no longer have to be physically close in time and space to the disaster, nor to have witnessed it physically. It said that the present tests are too restrictive and arbitrary.



Samantha Barker, of Sotheby's, with an amorino, or Cupid, by Antonio Canova, found in a West Country garden. It is to be sold by Sotheby's on July 4. Page 5

Brown wins fight to scrap some child benefits

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID BLUNKETT, the Shadow Education Secretary, is proposing that youngsters be given up to £20 a week to encourage them to stay on at school as part of the Labour scheme to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-year olds.

expected to rise significantly from the present child benefit of £10.80 to about £20 a week. But shadow ministers point out that the sum will depend on the savings made; the higher the allowance, the fewer people will receive it.

Gordon Brown has won the battle in principle to abolish child benefit for older teenagers despite an initial Labour party backlash over the move. But Shadow Cabinet Ministers are split over how the estimated £600 million saving should be reallocated to help children of poorer families to stay on at school.

Mr Brown, who is said to be backing Mr Smith, was criticised by some Shadow Cabinet colleagues six weeks ago when he floated the idea of scrapping child benefit to provide extra cash to help youngsters to stay on at school.

Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, Mr Blunkett and Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Minister, are now reviewing how best to target resources on education for the over 16-year-olds. Only two options are under serious consideration. Mr Blunkett favours giving the "education allowance" directly to youngsters aged between 16 and 18. But Mr Smith argues that the money should continue to go to mothers of poorer families to help them with food and accommodation costs at home while their children remain in full-time education. Under both options the allowance is

They believe they can win Shadow Cabinet support if they can devise a scheme that is not too complex to administer and not too expensive to deliver. Tony Blair has already given his tacit approval.

The Labour leadership has also written to all constituencies, asking for their views on how the money saved from scrapping child benefit should best be spent to counter complaints that Mr Brown had not

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Redwood ahead

John Redwood has overtaken Michael Portillo as the standard bearer of the Tory Right in the public's ranking of possible successors to John Major, a MORI poll for *The Times* has found. Page 9

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EU shift over beef ban

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR AND CHARLES BREMNER IN LUXEMBOURG

EUROPEAN farm ministers voted last night by nine to six to lift the ban on British beef derivatives, but the vote was not enough to automatically lift the EU embargo.

Spain was the only state which had changed sides from the previous seven-eight vote last month. Ministers were to resume negotiations late last night in the knowledge that the Commission would enforce the measure if they failed to get an overall majority. Earlier, Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, had announced that farmers and suppliers would face fines of up to £5,000 if they keep



suspect animal feed, which could spread BSE, beyond the end of next month. Mr Hogg, was in Luxembourg to get the ban on rallow, gelatine and bull semen lifted.

At the same time it emerged that an early lifting of the export bans on beef from specialist herds and sales to countries outside the European Union is being sought by Britain as the price for ending its campaign of obstruction in Brussels. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Hogg will begin at meetings today in Berlin and Brussels to spell out a "framework" deal which they hope can be agreed swiftly to avoid chaos at the Florence summit later this month. The ministers will call on the EU countries to lift the ban in three sectors. These are:
□ Specialist herds, such as Aberdeen Angus, which are fed on grass and where there Continued on page 2, col 5

Oftel cuts BT's home bills by up to £8 a year

BY PAUL DURMAN

DOMESTIC BT telephone subscribers will pay up to £8 less a year under new pricing controls laid down by Oftel, the industry regulator.

The amount by which BT can raise prices for residential as well as small business customers will be capped to inflation less 4.5 per cent for the four years from August next year. With inflation now at 2.5 per cent, this means a price cut for about 16 million households who pay less than £70 a quarter and form the great majority of BT's domestic customers.

Consumer watchdogs gave a guarded welcome to the plans, but Ruth Evans, the

National Consumer Council's director, said: "For too long, business customers have benefited far more than domestic customers from price reductions. We want to see a one-off cut in residential bills to restore the balance and to return some of BT's excessive profits to domestic customers."

The Consumers' Association claimed that the regulator's refusal to limit pay-phone charges was a "slap in the face" for low-income customers who had no phones of their own.

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Law Society faces bitter election battle as two challenge Mears for presidency

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN MEARS, the president of the Law Society, will face two challenges to his leadership in next month's elections, one from the ranks of his own supporters.

Anthony Bogan, a recently elected council member, yesterday declared he would challenge the president, whom he had formerly supported, arguing that the Law Society's regulatory and trades union roles should be split. Tony Girling, a long-standing council member who is currently deputy vice-president, is also expected today to announce his candidacy, with two other council members, Phillip Sycamore and Michael Mathews, as running mates.

The emergence of the candidates to

lead the solicitors' professional body, which is riven by strife, will ensure a bitterly fought election.

The contest, to run over three weeks from mid-June, when ballot papers are sent out to the 65,000-strong profession, is expected to be close: Mr Mears has wide backing in the rank-and-file, particularly in small firms. But Mr Bogan, who similarly comes from a small general practice, will hope to cream off some of his supporters.

Yesterday Mr Bogan, 38, who defeated a long-standing Law Society council member when he stood last year for the Surrey seat, said he was standing on behalf of his newly formed Solicitors Association, which had 650 supporters. "I support most of what Mr Mears stands for. But I don't believe he can possibly achieve his objectives within the

existing constitutional constraints of the Law Society."

His was a single-issue campaign: "There is a conflict between the roles of the society in representing the profession and in protecting the public and until those core functions are separated, no one is going to succeed in helping the small practitioner." He said the society's roles should be divided along the lines of the medical profession with separate trade union and regulatory bodies.

Mr Girling, 52, senior partner with his own 23-partner firm in Canterbury, has strong support on the Law Society council and hopes to secure the crucial vote of City solicitors with his team-mate, Mr Mathews, coming from a City law firm. He is holding a press conference to outline his manifesto today.

Yesterday Mr Mears said that any

challenge had to be taken seriously, but he believed Mr Bogan was living in a "fantasy world". "Even if what he wants were desirable, it would take a two-thirds majority of the Law Society council, which he has no hope of getting, then two-thirds support at an annual general meeting, an amendment to the Royal Charter and probably an Act of Parliament. The whole thing could take five years to try to force through, with no hope of success."

He said that there was nothing that the Law Society, in its existing shape, could not do for the profession that a body stripped of its regulatory functions could do. "There is no conflict between the public interest and enlightened self-interest of the profession. That is what being a professional is: putting the client first."



Mears: believes Bogan unrealistic



Bogan: fighting on single issue

Shamed MP faces battle for survival in his Welsh seat

By ANDREW PIERCE AND ALICE THOMSON

ROD RICHARDS, who resigned as a junior minister over allegations of an extramarital affair, is facing a growing campaign to oust him as an MP at the next election.

Opinion has hardened among Tory activists in the North Wales seaside constituency of Clwyd North West against Mr Richards, aged 49, a father of three who has been married for 21 years.

Mr Richards, who listed the "family" as one of his interests in *Who's Who*, is said by one executive officer of his local Conservative association to be "fighting for his political life".

The MP was a supporter of the ill-fated "Back to Basics" campaign.

Brecon and Radnor, has been piloting the contentious Family Law Bill through the Commons.

He is replaced by Gary Streeter who was the Government whip on the Bill. Mr Streeter is respected by Tory rebels who have threatened to scupper the legislation.

Colin Drake, chairman of Clwyd North West Conservative Association, was expected to cut short a holiday in the United States to handle the disquiet within the Clwyd North West Tory association. Mr Richards has sought an urgent meeting with the association.

Ray Formstone, 75, leader of the Tory group on the local Conwy County Borough, a new unitary authority, said: "People have been stopping me in the street and saying, 'It's disgusting. It's not good enough.'"

up to polling day, which is probably now only a few months away.

"We have a majority of less than 7,000, which is the safest Tory seat in Wales, but the local Labour party think this is a marginal if Rod Richards fights the seat for us. MPs have to be above scrutiny. I think we should be looking for a new candidate to fight the election."

Mr Richards's resignation is the 10th by a minister or parliamentary aide over allegations concerning "improper" sexual or business affairs during the course of the current Parliament.

Sue Gillett, the Tory agent, said: "Mr Richards has requested an opportunity to discuss the situation with the executive council. This will be arranged when the full picture emerges."



Mr Richards leaving home yesterday after telling a television crew to get out

Richards shows the strain

THE strain was beginning to show on Mr Richards and his wife Liz yesterday (Carol Midgley writes). The former minister reacted angrily when asked to comment outside his home in Rietmond, southwest London, as he took his son and daughter to school.

"Get out of my son's way, you will regret this," he shouted at a television crew following him to his car, Mr Richards, a psychologist specialising in the care of mentally handicapped children, looked pale and bowed her head as she was driven away from the flat at lunchtime by a female friend. She declined to comment.

Her mother, Elvira Knight, who spent the Spring Bank Holiday with the family, said: "There have been no problems in their marriage. My daughter adores Rod and I always thought it was mutual."

Julia Felthouse, the 28-year-old divorcee with whom Mr Richards had formed a relationship, was absent from her

flat in Fulham, west London, yesterday. She has not been seen since the revelations appeared in the *News of the World*, but there is speculation that she may have given them the story, having signed a deal with the newspaper in return for being able to speak through "a friend".

Her mother said from her home in Teignmouth, Devon: "She won't be talking to anyone. I'll be speaking to her later, but I am not saying where she is."

The Tory association, which has more than 2,000 members, is dominated by retired people. Their views could be decisive in Mr Richards's battle for survival.

Almost half the voters in the constituency are aged over 55. They do not like adultery, one official said.

Some local party officials were openly calling on him to stand down yesterday. A father and son, both prominent Tory councillors, are leading the campaign.

Mr Richards resigned on Sunday as a junior minister in the Welsh Office hours after reports of a liaison with a public relations executive 20 years his junior appeared in the *News of the World*.

Downing Street announced yesterday that Jonathan Evans, one of only six Welsh Tory MPs, was being moved from the Lord Chancellor's Department to take up the vacant position at the Welsh Office. The announcement from Downing Street came after the Prime Minister had a 40-minute conversation with Alastair Goodlad, the Government Chief Whip.

Mr Evans, the MP for

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Labour and benefits

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consulted widely enough on the move. Mr Blunkett argues that the money should be given to young people aged 16 to 18 in order to help to promote individual responsibility and provide an incentive to get them to stay on at school. Eighty per cent of children whose parents are unskilled leave school at 16, according to a report by the Institute of Fiscal Studies.

The youngsters will get the money only if they enroll and stay on at school; this can be checked by regular monitoring and by paying the cash monthly or by the term.

Labour education sources point out that since 16-year-olds are treated as adults if they leave school, those in education should be treated similarly. Those on youth training programmes, for example, are given allowances and decide for themselves how

best to spend their money.

However, Mr Smith, who was furious that Mr Brown had not consulted him over the initial proposal, believes that the mother should be given the discretion on what the money is spent on, as is the case with the child benefit allowance. That would soften the backlash of abolishing child benefit, as less well off families could get higher payments.

"Several mothers already give the equivalent of child benefit to their teenage children in pocket money," one party source pointed out.

But social security sources said that if the money were given to youngsters it could be used on drugs or alcohol.

The review team has discarded the notion of docking child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds who are at public schools while retaining it for those in the state system.

Thornton departs Catholic papers

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CLIVE THORNTON, former chief executive of Abbey National and the Mirror Group, departed abruptly yesterday as chairman of Gabriel Communications, publisher of *The Universe* and *The Catholic Times*.

His decision to retire "to concentrate on his many other personal interests" took the Roman Catholic community by surprise and has again highlighted the tensions between its liberal and conservative factions. He will be replaced by John Moore, a member of the company's board since 1986.

Under Mr Thornton, *The Catholic Times*, launched in 1993, has steered a conservative line, urging loyalty to the

Cattle feed fines

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has been no incidence of BSE. Exports to third countries, so that countries, such as South Africa, which have said they want British beef can have it.

A complete lifting of the export ban on newly-born calves - those born since new anti-BSE restrictions have been put in place.

According to ministerial sources signs from European leaders that they are prepared to move in some or all of those areas will be strongly welcomed in London and could persuade the Government to lift its campaign of non-cooperation.

Britain continued to torpedo European business yesterday with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, scuppering a measure to curb fraud in EU finances. He had not felt the slightest embarrassment in applying the beef block, he

Coldest May since 1923

Last month was the coldest May for 73 years and the third chilliest this century, the London Weather Centre said yesterday. The average temperature in England and Wales was 9.3C (49F) - 3C below average. In Scotland, the temperature was 1.0C below average. However, sunshine was 99 per cent of the average. Rainfall in England and Wales was 89 per cent of normal at 57mm while in Scotland it was 91 per cent of average at 85mm. Forecast, page 24

Sinking investigation

A £2 million investigation into the sinking of the *Dorsetshire*, which was lost with all 42 British crew and two wives off Japan in 1980, will begin with an unmanned submarine examining the wreckage of the bulk carrier in late June or early July. It will pay the way for the main expedition next year lasting up to eight weeks, which will be the most ambitious and hazardous exploration of a sea wreck ever attempted.

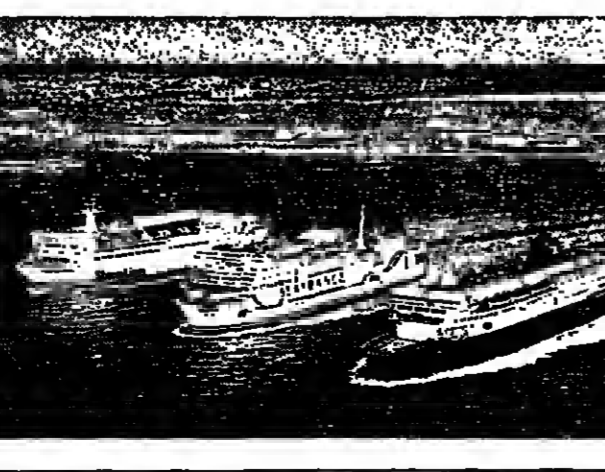
Spaghetti beach plan

Birmingham City Council is planning to construct a 2,400 square metre gravel beach at the point where three canals dating back almost 200 years, the River Tame and two railway lines meet beneath the Mo "Spaghetti Junction". Jim Quinn, a council planning officer, hopes that Birmingham will get £100,000 of European grant aid for the canal-side regeneration programme at Salford Junction, one of 30 approved by British Waterways.

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Prince's close friend paralysed after fall from clinic window

BY EMMA WILKINS

LADY TRYON, one of the Prince of Wales's closest friends, has been paralysed from the shoulders down after she fell out of a window at a rehabilitation clinic, her son said yesterday.

Charles Tryon, 21, who visited his mother, an Australian-born fashion designer, with his sister Zoe, 22, fears that she may not be able to walk again.

"I am 90 per cent sure she will be OK, but it is likely she will be in a wheelchair," he said. "It will be terrible for her as she is so active. I would rather be dead than be put in that position."

"She doesn't look herself, she has a terrified expression on her face," he added.

Lord Tryon, 56, a merchant banker, said it was too early to tell if the paralysis would be permanent. His wife had been suffering recently from depression but would not wish to take her life, he said.

Lady Tryon, whom the Prince nicknamed Kanga, has endured a lifelong battle against back pain and, for the past three years, uterine cancer which spread to her kidneys. During her childhood she suffered from spina bifida and did not walk until she was aged nine. Three operations on her back included surgery to rebuild the top of her spine with cow bones, which involved surgeons working through her throat.

The last operation was in 1993 but within four months tests showed that Lady Tryon



Lord Tryon: too early to tell if wife will walk

was suffering from cancer. Her immediate reaction was "Oh what a bore after getting through everything else," she told a newspaper.

She was given the all-clear five months ago but was recently admitted to Farm Place, a rehabilitation clinic near Dorking, Surrey, suffering from depression.

"Our main worry is that she will be unable to walk. Her spine is fractured, which is a big worry," Lord Tryon said. "The doctors have told me that they won't know about permanent paralysis for a few days. Her head is quite badly injured but the doctors don't seem to be concerned about that," he added.

"It's true that she was suffering from depression brought on by exhaustion from all the problems she's been through. But I can think of no reason why she would want to harm herself. The cancer has gone now. She is a

great character and we just hope she'll fight through again."

Lady Tryon, 48, who also has twins Edward and Victoria, aged 16, was being treated at the clinic where the Countess of Spencer has received treatment for emotional problems. She fell from a first-floor window on Friday. The clinic declined to comment on how the fall happened or its safety measures.

Farm Place is a private clinic which is registered by the East Surrey Health Authority and inspected twice each year. The most recent inspection was on January 9. There is no requirement by law that clinics' windows should have locks.

Lady Tryon, who launched her own fashion label — Kanga — in 1983, is in a critical but stable condition at a neuro-surgical unit at Alkington Morley's Hospital in Wimbledon, southwest London. She is being kept sedated and immobile to prevent further spine damage and will also have a brain scan.

The Prince, who is godfather to the couple's eldest son, Charles, has sent the family a message of sympathy, Lord Tryon, 56, said.

The Prince first met the young Dale Harper, as she then was, at a teenage school dance in Melbourne in 1966 during his spell at the city's Geelong Grammar School. Over the years they developed a deep friendship. He once said she was "the only woman who really understands me".



Lady Tryon, who was admitted to clinic suffering from depression. She successfully fought spina bifida in childhood and, more recently, cancer



With the Prince of Wales, who said that only she understood him



Two of Lady Tryon's four children, who believe she will recover

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Tycoon in death crash 'was driving too fast'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MILLIONAIRE textiles tycoon and his three teenage children died in a holiday road crash because he was probably driving too fast, an inquest was told yesterday.

Efraim Rottman, 44, of Highgate, north London, had taken only 17 minutes to cover the 10 1/2 miles from the ski resort of Isola, in the French Alps, to St Honoré, where his Range Rover plunged 30ft into a river in December 1994. The journey, down a steep and wet road, should have taken more than 20 minutes, Brian Stone, a coroner's officer, told the inquest in St Albans.

Mr Rottman, his children Daniel, 18, Nicole, 17, Guy, 13, and a family friend, Sarah Hall, 23, all died instantly. The coroner, Edward Thomas, discounted French pathology reports suggesting that Mr Rottman could have suffered a heart attack or epileptic fit. A medical examination shortly before his holiday had pronounced him "very fit".

His wife, Marsha, who did not go on the skiing holiday, was not at the inquest. Verdict: accidental death.

Neighbours feuding since miners' strike must each pay £75

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A FEUD between a village policeman and a miner, which began with the 1984 pit strike, ended ignominiously yesterday when a judge accused both neighbours of embroidering the truth.

Judge Kamil awarded the embattled litigants only £75 each in a case that will cost the taxpayer a five-figure sum in legal aid.

The judge dismissed numerous claims and counter-claims by PC Arthur Horne and Bill Wright, a retired miner, at the end of a case that began a year ago at Leeds County Court.

PC Horne, 46, and his wife Julie, 45, claimed Mr Wright and his wife Mollie had poisoned their rottweiler dog Jet, trained lights and a video camera on their home in Kirby, West Yorkshire, and continually harassed them.

The officer said he and his wife were assaulted by Mr and Mrs Wright's son Anthony, 40, after a television programme called *Scab* in 1986. He claimed he was branded a scab for inviting strikers into his home and spearheading a back-to-work movement. The

policemen's superiors were said to have been continually investigating a string of bogus complaints against him.

Mr Wright, 63, and his wife, 58, said that the Hornes used a listening device through the partition wall, starting a poster campaign claiming they had killed the dog, and poisoned sacks of vegetables with weedkiller.

Judge Kamil said facts had been "embroidered and distorted" and found there were only two instances of true nuisance and harassment throughout the saga. Mr Wright caused a nuisance to the Hornes by repeatedly singing and whistling the Max Bygraves song *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*.

PC Horne had harassed Mr Wright, he said, by repeatedly following him home from a working men's club and waving a stick at him. The feud was "six of one and half a dozen of the other", the judge said. "I'm satisfied that evidence has been greatly distorted with the passage of time and retelling of facts." The court had been told that

the trouble started in 1984 when Mr Wright and his son Anthony, who lives opposite, were on strike.

PC Horne alleged that they called him "vermin", "rubbish" and a "black bastard", referring to his uniform. From then on the families did not speak to each other and the relationship deteriorated.

The judge could find no evidence that the Wrights were responsible for the death of the dog or the lights and camera. He could also find no evidence that the Hornes had installed a listening device to eavesdrop on the Wrights.

The Hornes' case was funded by the Police Federation, Richard Crichtley, its local secretary, said the result had entirely vindicated the Hornes, who had instigated the case mainly because of allegations about the listening device.

Outside court Mrs Wright, a Wakefield councillor, said: "We didn't bring this case in the first place and our relationship with them is still the same as it was in 1984. They don't speak to us and we don't speak to them."

Jew sues M&S over kosher job bar

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A JEWISH food technologist banned from applying for a job with Marks & Spencer because she could not eat pork or shellfish took the retailer to an industrial tribunal yesterday claiming religious discrimination.

Rosemary Hoffman, 51, told a hearing in Bedford that in a brief telephone interview in October 1994 she was informed that it was a job requirement that she could eat all foods.

Mrs Hoffman, from Wembley, north London, said: "I explained that there were foods I could not eat for religious reasons." She said she was then told her application could not proceed.

Mrs Hoffman told the tribunal she had many years experience in food technology but had never been asked to taste food before. To her experience the job was to ensure the health, hygiene and safety of products, not their palatability.

Dr Thomas Clayton, of the M&S prepared foods department, said the ability to taste all foods was essential. "It is a fundamental part of the job." The case continues today.

Cantona talks of his contempt for hooligan

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE footballer Eric Cantona has spoken of his contempt for the abusive soccer fan he attacked last year.

In an interview published in *Hello!* magazine he tells of the effects the affair had on his family and how their support carried him through. But his most telling comments are directed at Matthew Simmons, who ended up in jail in the fall-out from the incident at Crystal Palace 16 months ago.

"The hooligan? His behaviour shows he's not all together," he said. "I don't want to talk too much about him, that would give him too much importance. He's one of those antisocial types who are driven by a need to provoke. It's the only way to have people talk about them, to exist, to pretend with their pals in the pubs when they don't sell their stories to the tabloids."

The Manchester United star said of the clash: "The hardest thing was having to put up with the endless comments, the swift judgments, the resounding criticism. My family were quite shocked but they were also there."

"Every time I go through this kind of experience, I react the same way. First I feel like

going away, forgetting it all. Very quickly, pride, and maybe a deep sense of honour, urges me to take action. Then I can stand tall and face up to it," he said. "I'm not that easily beaten. Then you have the kids to keep in mind. They're my strength."

Cantona was interviewed while relaxing with wife, Isabelle, and children, Raphael and Josephine, at his parents' converted farmhouse in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence.

Asked about his punishments — he was sentenced to 120 hours of community service, fined by the FA and banned from playing for eight

months — he said: "The easiest part was the community service. I was entrusted to take care of several hundred children from a rough neighbourhood. Well, I had to do it, but I wanted to go further."

"I devoted myself to these kids, which has improved the rapport with the club. I hope I did bring some light into their lives. As for Manchester United, you know we made up for it this year, I'd set my heart on it. I owed it to them."

Cantona, speaking on his thirtieth birthday, also talked of his fear of death. "The strange thing is that I have this nagging feeling that I'm going to suddenly disappear. I guess we're all a bit like that ... we are all afraid of leaving before having had the chance to show our loved ones we've tried to give them our best."

He said he reacted "serenely" to being left out of the French squad for the European Championships. "I think many French board members believed I was dead after the Crystal Palace affair. But I wasn't altogether dead and as I came back to life, they did everything in their power to see me die a second time, and fast. But we'll see who dies in the end."



Cantona: his family were his strength

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Missing £1m Canova statue found at bottom of garden

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SCULPTURE that was left to stand for more than a century in a garden has been identified as a missing work by Antonio Canova, the Italian master who sculpted *The Three Graces*.

As one of only a handful of Canovas that will ever come on to the open market, the marble piece, now restored to its former glory, has been valued at more than £1 million. Scholars had lost track of the striking life-sized figure of a nude youth, an amorino or Cupid, since the early 19th century.

Standing forlornly in its garden home in the West Country, gradually engulfed by lichen and weeds, the sensual figure had also been concealed by a coating of white paint, which some unknown person had applied in the past. Ironically, though, the paint had protected its delicate, highly-finished marble from the elements.

The statue is to be sold by Sotheby's in London on July 4. As most of Canova's works are in public collections

worldwide, there is likely to be fierce competition.

The seller, who has insisted on anonymity, bought it privately from the owner of the garden. He is believed to have paid only a few thousand pounds and has refused to reveal anything about its previous location or owner, explaining only that he had "liked it" and purchased it as a "very nice marble statue".

For a year, he researched the piece, identifying its neo-classical style. Eventually, his detective work led him to Hugh Honour, the leading Canova scholar.

Mr Honour, who lives near Florence, said that the sculpture is "a pivotal work in a series of statues of the same subject modelled and carved between 1786 and 1797".

Conrad Webb, a specialist at Sotheby's, said: "It was a bit heart wrenching to see it in its original condition, covered in white paint, moss and lichens, and exposed to the elements. It's not something you'd wish on any work. Its hands were lying at

its feet, part of the bow and part of its body were missing. They have been accurately restored by professionals to museum standards.

"I have no idea why it was covered in white paint. Perhaps somebody didn't know what they had got. It's a huge privilege for us. We're very excited by it."

The sculpture bears Canova's trademark: the beautiful modelling that resulted in the establishment of public collections on both sides of the Atlantic in the bid for *The Three Graces*. The Getty Museum in Los Angeles was frustrated by Britain's export laws as the Victoria & Albert Museum and National Galleries of Scotland won a battle to keep the piece in Britain.

The amorino was made between 1790 and 1791 for John David Latouche, the son of an Irish banker who visited Canova's studio in Rome while on the Grand Tour. Scholars suspected that it was somewhere in North Wales because descendants

of Latouche had country houses there. Canova produced his first amorino in 1786 for Princess Lubomirska, a wealthy cousin of the King of Poland. She wanted her nephew, Henryk, to be idolised as a Cupid. Sotheby's explained that although Canova disliked portraiture, he modelled the head of this figure from a life sitting of Henryk, but gave him the body of an older boy.

During his period in Naples, taking a rest after completing the tomb of Pope Clement XIV, Canova was commissioned by a Colonel John Campbell, later Baron Cawdor, to carve the *Cupid and Psyche* that is now in the Louvre, and another amorino.

Latouche saw those pieces in the studio and tried to persuade Canova to sell the amorino to him instead. Canova kept to his original contract, and promised to make him a replica. The piece which Colonel Campbell took home is now at Anglesey Abbey, near Cambridge.



Canova sculpted the statue in Italy 200 years ago



The Cupid as it was found, exposed to the elements

Rapist confesses after meeting daughter of church minister

By BILL FROST

A CONSCIENCE-stricken double rapist gave himself up two years after attacking his second victim when he met and fell in love with a church minister's daughter, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Leslie Malcolm, 31, had dragged a pregnant woman at knifepoint from a bus stop and raped her in September 1993, weeks after being released early from a ten-year sentence for a similar attack.

Police investigating the crime in Peckham, south-east London, did not catch Malcolm, who became engaged to Miss Y, an 18-year-old girl he met at college. "I did not know of his past, but he told me he had been in prison for ten years," she later told detectives.

The couple started to live with Miss Y's parents, despite their disapproval of the relationship on moral grounds. After some months Malcolm began to agonise over his past. Michael West, QC, for the defence, said that in January his client went to the police to confess the bus-stop rape after telling his fiancée and her father. "There was no case against this man, no more than a crime report. He destroyed his own life by reason of his conscience telling him he could not live with what he had done," Mr West added.

In a letter to the judge, Miss Y said: "I trusted him totally. He knew I wanted to get married. We became engaged and it was then he realised he would have to speak to the police."

The court was told how Malcolm's second victim was



Malcolm went to police after talk with fiancée

waiting for a bus home late at night. "I was waiting for a bus home late at night when he started talking to me. He grabbed me and pushed a knife against her back before taking her down a side road and raping her."

Malcolm had been released in June 1993 from a ten-year sentence for raping a girl at knifepoint after dragging her to his flat in February 1987. That crime followed his release after 25 months in prison for burglary, theft and handling stolen goods.

Miss Y said of her decision to live with Malcolm: "My parents are Christians and they were upset. I was a rebellious 18-year-old who wanted a life of my own."

After Malcolm realised he had to contact the police he became very emotional. "He was a broken man because everything he had hoped for and dreamt of and was at last within his grasp. It was a terrible sight."

Judge Pearman warned Malcolm that she was considering life imprisonment. Sentence was adjourned until today.

Navy flies doctor to speedboat survivor

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Navy assault ship *HMS Fearless* has helped in the rescue of a Caribbean islander found clinging to the remains of a speedboat after 18 days without food or water.

HMS Fearless was on her way to an exercise with Dutch marines when her crew received a "flash" from the United States Coastguard in Miami to pick up the survivor, drifting with a dead companion 450 miles away. The assault ship, now 30 years old and due to be replaced, steamed towards the wrecked speedboat and, once she was within 200 miles of the spot, launched a mark 4 Sea King helicopter, with a doctor on board, to rescue the sole survivor.

The islander, Alexander Jolie, from St Lucia, had been drinking sea water and was delirious and seriously dehydrated after his ordeal. Three others who had been with him in the boat were missing. The survivor and his dead companion had first been spotted by a Danish merchant vessel, *MV Elizabeth Boye*. The crew retrieved them from the water but the vessel had no medical



facilities on board and so teleaxed the US Coastguard.

Commander Adrian Baker, the *HMS Fearless* doctor, flew to the scene, was winched down to the merchant vessel. A Royal Navy spokesman said he stabilised the survivor before both of them were winched back into the helicopter and flown back to *HMS Fearless*. The dead man was buried at sea.

CORRECTION

Standard Fireworks is not the only British manufacturer producing for the consumer market (report, May 29). A number of firms, including companies in Essex and Cambridgeshire, continue to thrive.



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New dean plans spiritual revival for cathedral of tourism

By RUSSELL JENKINS

THE new dean of St Paul's pledged yesterday to give worship a higher priority to the life of the cathedral. It attracts more than two million paying tourists a year from all over the world but comparatively few parishioners.

Dr John Moses, 58, the Provost of Chelmsford, who describes himself as an "affirming Catholic" from the liberal Catholic wing of the Church of England, takes over as Mr Campbell's cousin, Alexis Fawcett. "When he got out of the car in Stirling, my cousin's words were, 'That's a right weirdo, that one.'"

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session, on March 2, he scored 220 out of 300, the lowest of those present, but showed no interest in improving his skills or mixing with others.

A Scout leader said that he had doubts 20 years ago about Hamilton's mental stability and his sexual intentions towards young boys. Brian Fairgrieve, 69, a retired surgeon who was a County Commissioner for the Scout Association in the 1970s, said that, after a long talk with Hamilton in 1974, he believed that he had "a persecution complex, delusions of grandeur and showed signs of paranoid behaviour".

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Mr Fairgrieve said Hamilton's authorisation as a Scout leader was withdrawn in 1974 after a trip to Aviemore in which the boys had to sleep on the floor of his van. They had returned cold, wet and hungry and parents had complained. Hamilton was investigated by the Scouts and blacklisted. His subsequent attempts to rejoin were unsuccessful, but he had remained "a thorn in the flesh" of the movement.

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asked at the present time concerning the governance of our cathedrals," he said.

"What matters far more is the work of our cathedrals and the unique opportunities they possess to speak to people — through the English cathedral tradition of choral worship; through the work of education and an imaginative presentation of the Gospels and through the hospitality that is afforded to visitors and tourists."

Dr Moses, a Londoner by birth, has been at Chelmsford since 1982. He is an enthusiast for the English cathedral tradition of choral worship and was responsible for the construction of a new organ at Chelmsford and the creation of a choral foundation. Although claiming to be tone deaf, he said he intends to strengthen St Paul's choir.

Dr Moses said he would arrive in three months' time with a set of priorities rather than a "set agenda". He emphasised that it would be impertinent to the existing chapter clergy to start laying down the law.

The Rt Rev Richard Chartres, the Bishop of London, is to move into the old deanery in the shadow of St Paul's. Dr Moses will become a near neighbour in the Deanery.

"I am delighted at the appointment of Dr John Moses," Bishop Chartres said. "Cathedrals in Britain provide a vital educational and spiritual resource in our nation's life as high places of Christian worship."

St Paul's reputation was damaged last year when Marilyn Ivry, a virgin from Wansstead, east London, took the chapter to

an industrial tribunal where she won her case for unfair dismissal. She claimed that she was demoted and subjected to smutty jokes and sexual innuendo.

The Rt Rev Colin Buchanan has been appointed to succeed the Rt Rev Peter Hall as the Bishop of Woolwich in the Anglican Diocese of Southwark. The new bishop, aged 61, lived in Handsworth, West Midlands, at the time of the riots in 1985 and became involved in inner city and multi-ethnic issues. However, he resigned his post when he took responsibility for the financial loss incurred by the 1989 "City-wide Christian Celebration" with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Yesterday he emphasised the Church's ministry to the poor and across racial divides. He has been an assistant bishop in Rochester,

Kent, since October 1989. He said: "A specific issue which will arise in the Woolwich area, or at least I hope it will, is the celebration of the Millennium in Greenwich. The Millennium is a Christian celebration above everything else and I could hardly want to be in any other place in Europe when 2000 comes than in the Woolwich episcopal area."

"You will recognise that I am more humbled because, at a point more than seven years on from when I resigned as Bishop of Aston, I had honestly thought I was being allowed to slip gently over the horizon as the incumbent of an interesting Kent parish and nothing more or less than that. It is therefore with some emotion, as well as with a marvelling at the providence of God, that I take up this new task."



Moses: aims to boost choir

THE DUNBLANE INQUIRY

Hamilton stroked guns and spoke of them as his babies

By STEPHEN FARRELL AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THOMAS HAMILTON disturbed fellow gun-club members by stroking his weapons and called them his babies, the Dunblane inquiry was told yesterday.

Women found him "creepy" and fellow members were concerned by his tendency to fix fluorescent markers to the chin and chest areas of human-sized targets and empty his magazine as quickly as possible. But despite frequent breaches of pistol competition rules, he was never expelled or disciplined because he was deemed safe.

William Campbell, 44, competition secretary of the Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club, said that, two weeks before the

shootings, Hamilton travelled home from a local range next to Mr Campbell's cousin, Alexis Fawcett. "When he got out of the car in Stirling, my cousin's words were, 'That's a right weirdo, that one.'"

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Police admit amnesty will not stop criminals

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

AS the national firearms amnesty was launched yesterday a senior police officer predicted that it would do little to prevent criminals using guns.

Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, which has seen an upsurge in gun-related crime, said that wider efforts were needed to tackle the menace of firearms. Mr Sharples, who is president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "The people engaged in shooting incidents in Merseyside are clearly not going to bring weapons into the police station." He called

for "a strong enforcement effort" against such people.

Mr Sharples said that chief constables also believed that laws covering applications for gun licences should be tightened. "It just may be that what the shooting lobby attracts is the misfit, the sick person who wants to get their hands on firearms for obviously the wrong reasons," he said.

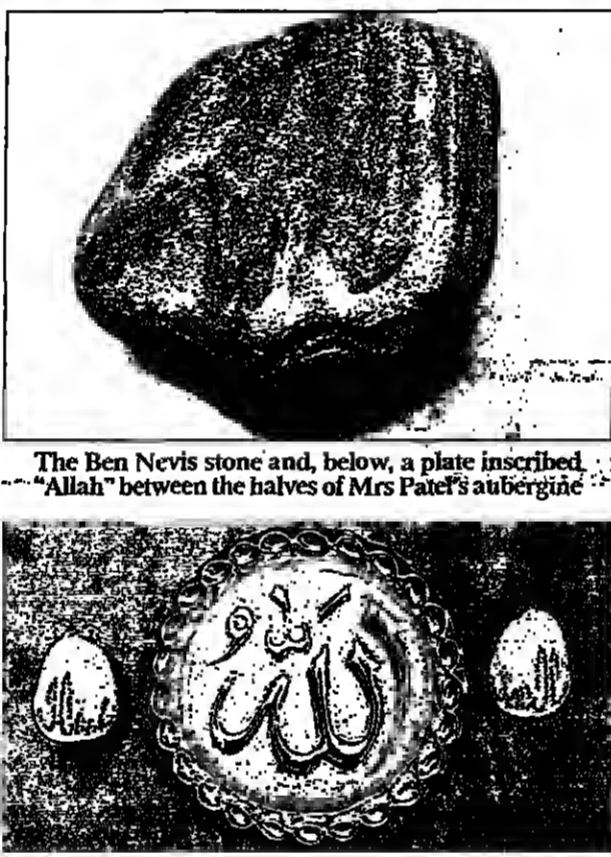
Under the amnesty, which ends on June 30, illegal guns can be handed to police stations without fear of prosecution provided they have not been used in a crime. One of the first weapons surrendered was an AK-47 assault rifle, handed to police in Bicester.



Imtiaz Hussain, left, Mozaquir Ali and Bosiol Hoque with the stone that they and their companions found while walking near Ben Nevis

Muslims find Allah in foothills of Ben Nevis

By ROBIN YOUNG



The Ben Nevis stone and, below, a plate inscribed "Allah" between the halves of Mrs Patel's aubergine

MUSLIMS from all over Britain are flocking to see what they believe to be a sign from Allah discovered in the foothills of Ben Nevis.

Mozaquir Ali, a Liberal Democrat borough councillor from Burnley, Lancashire, and seven friends on a day trip to the Highlands went for an evening stroll and decided to gather stones from the banks of a burn for a fish tank kept by Bosiol Hoque, a Bangladeshi take-away owner.

Imtiaz Hussain, a construction company director, noticed an attractively patterned stone and called to Qamarul Hassan, a taxi driver, to pick it up. The group saw that the four-inch wide rock, encrusted with soil, appeared to have Arabic writing on it.

As they washed the stone the name of Allah became

clear, spelt out in the white and brown markings on the stone.

"When we washed it in the stream we could all recognise the name of Allah," Mr Ali, who works for the Racial Equality Council in Rossendale, said. "We were in no doubt that it was a true miracle, and a great find. It strengthened our faith in Allah, proving that he does exist. People may say that the marks on the stone are natural, but nature is what God or Allah has created."

Mr Ali and his friends took the stone back to Burnley, where the imams of all five mosques in the town have seen the stone and verified that it clearly represents the name of Allah and can be regarded as holy.

Mr Ali said yesterday: "As

word has spread people are coming from all over to see the stone. We hope to put it on exhibition within Burnley but it has not yet been decided where.

"Several of the mosques have expressed interest but I think it will be up to the eight of us who found it to decide. It will take us a couple of weeks to find a suitable venue where all the people who want to see the stone can be accommodated."

This is believed to be the first time Allah's name has been found in stone in Britain but it has been discovered several times in seed patterns within aubergines. The most recent case was in March this year when Salim and Rukana Patel of Bolton, Lancashire, found the name inside an aubergine bought for 25p.

Candid judge returns to fray with attack on poverty

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN TUMIM, scourge of the Home Office in his former role as Chief Inspector of Prisons, is returning to haunt the Government with an assault on its record on poverty. He is helping to produce a report that is likely to number the poor in the United Kingdom at 14 million.

Judge Tumim put ministers on notice that, like his condemnations of prison conditions that regularly cropped up to embarrass a succession of Home Secretaries, the inquiry into poverty would pull few punches. "It may be useful for the Government to hear a few home truths," he said. The

judge has accepted a role as one of four unpaid "poverty commissioners" recruited by Channel 4, which today begins *Broket*, a fortnight of documentaries and dramas about poor people.

He yesterday made an early assault on the Department of Social Security, which refuses to create a definition of poverty despite being responsible for its alleviation through the welfare system.

"They want to keep it as woolly as possible so they can spend less money," he said. "It is clear people are getting richer and people are getting poorer. Both ends are moving

away from each other. I hope the report will draw people's attention to some of the sadness and unfairness in our society, which is capable of being corrected. Problems of poverty are problems of education, problems of health and problems of — perhaps above all — housing."

The commission is chaired by Professor Peter Townsend, with Prue Leith, the caterer, and Judith Verma, an Asian arts entrepreneur, as the other members. Their report, in the style of a royal commission, will be published in October, near the date of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Big Issue wins UN award

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ISTANBUL

A MAGAZINE sold by the homeless has been awarded a United Nations prize for raising public awareness of their plight.

The *Big Issue* is one of 105 projects selected by the UN Habitat II conference, which opened in Istanbul yesterday, as examples of innovative

practice that can be copied by others. It has given rise to street papers in 11 other west European countries and one in St Petersburg, Russia, as well as *Homeless Talk* in South Africa. There are also about 50 street papers in America and Canada.

Glasgow was the only other British winner, with a citation for its action against cold and damp in its housing stock. The city and local health authority have fitted 12,000 council houses with new central heating, 18,000 with new windows and 110,000 with draught-proofing.

The judges said the deteriorating condition of Glasgow's housing stock, rising fuel prices, poverty and the weather had forced families to spend up to 30 per cent of

their income on heating and created serious health concerns. Under the new scheme, no family should spend more than 10 per cent of net household income on heating.

The *Big Issue* is especially praised for keeping the topic of homelessness in the papers and giving homeless people a voice.

"The paper has challenged media perceptions of homelessness as well as creating a forum where the issues of homelessness can be discussed," the judges said.

Tessa Swithbank, the magazine's international editor, said she hoped the award would encourage yet more countries to copy it.

Neither of the awards is among the top 12 prizewinners, to be announced today.

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Insurance firms plan to penalise road-rage drivers

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

DRIVERS who commit so-called road-rage offences could be refused insurance cover. Cornhill Insurance said it had received a big increase in claims from drivers involved in such incidents, often when minor collisions escalated into violence.

The company said it would raise premiums or even refuse cover to motorists who had convictions for serious road violence. The move comes as insurance companies try to identify drivers who are bad risks because of persistent offences.

The AA said motorists who had nine points on their licences for speeding could also be refused cover or told to pay premium increases of up

to £100. A survey by the AA found 16 per cent of drivers had points on their licences, nearly half accounted for by speeding. Mark Wood, managing director of AA Insurance, said many insurance companies were increasing the number of exclusions in policies to identify drivers who had showed they were liable to get into trouble.

The survey of 230,000 drivers found 36,938 had points on their licences. One in five 21 to 29-year-olds had committed offences, making them the worst age group.

Oldham, at 23.9 per cent, had the worst record among towns in England for the percentage of drivers with endorsed licences, although

that was well behind the area with the highest number, the Western Isles, where 30.8 per cent have had their licences endorsed. The lowest were in Jersey (3.9 per cent) and Northern Ireland (4.3 per cent).

The AA's figures underline concern in insurance companies that they are insuring too many people whose personalities make them a liability on the roads. In one of the most expensive cases, a Liverpool builder who believed he had been cut up by another motorist laid into the other car with a club hammer, damaging it so badly that it had to be written off.

Mark Bishop, Cornhill's spokesman, said: "This is not just media hype. We have charted an increase in road rage and, as a responsible insurer, we are determined to do what we can to stop this sort of behaviour. We are told about minor incidents in which damage to property is very small, but people get out of control. Drivers who are out of control are not people we would be happy about insuring."

Other insurance companies are expected to follow Cornhill as the industry increasingly weeds out motorists who are violent, drink and drive, or drive too fast.



A youngster leads his pony past houses on the Fettercairn Estate in Tallaght

Irish rovers face final round-up

By AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE free-roving horses on Irish housing estates, romanticised in the film *The Commitments*, could be culled or sold under legislation proposed by the Government. Jimmy Deenihan, the junior agriculture minister in charge of the Control of Horses Bill, currently being considered by the Dail, says the animals have become a major threat to

children's safety. There are approximately 3,000 horses on estates nationwide, about one third of them in Dublin.

The new Bill, which has cross-party support, will allow local authorities to seize any horse that wanders out of controlled areas. Owners will have to license their animals and offenders face a fine of £10,000 or two years' imprisonment. One clause would prevent children under 16 owning horses. On the Fettercairn estate in South Dublin

children keep their horses in a large corral behind the houses. Though littered with burnt out cars the corral, organised by a community project, provides space for the children to ride.

Thomas Dominican, 12, has owned four horses in the past year. "Banning children from owning horses is stupid," he says. "There is nothing else to do here." Grooming the horses and picking brocco glass out of their hooves keeps children out of trouble, he says.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£1 movies are a hit at box office

More than a million people took advantage of the £1 ticket offer on Sunday to mark 100 years of cinema. Total sales of 1.1 million tickets compared with average Sunday sales of about 400,000. Cinema owners are considering making the promotion an annual event.

Student in court

Craig Webster, 24, a student from Aberdeen who brandished a fake pistol in a restaurant days after the Dunblane shootings must do 240 hours of community service, the city's Sheriff Court ordered.

Casket returns

A 12th-century gold and ivory casket, stolen in 1994 and later found dumped on a Yorkshire moor, is now back fully restored in St Peter's Parish Church at Bodmin, Cornwall, behind a bulletproof screen.

Home, not away

A fly-drive holiday to Orlando, Florida, is on offer for £49 while Euro 96 takes place. Going Abroad Travel said the championship had brought the package holiday market to a near standstill.

Detective sought

An arrest warrant against Detective Constable Roger Miller, 37, of Norfolk, who failed to turn up at court to face nine charges of stealing money from police, was issued at Norwich Crown Court.

Old excuse

Thirteen trains between Manchester and Bolton were delayed when a replica of Stephenson's Rocket came off the rails in Manchester. Its handbrake had not been applied properly.

Doctor of rock

Peter Gabriel, the rock star and former singer with Genesis, will receive an honorary doctor of music degree at Bath University this month for his "innovative work as a musician, writer and video maker".

Area/Town	% drivers with convictions	Area/Town	% drivers with convictions
Western Isles	30.8	London North	12.7
Guernsey	29.2	Kingston upon Thames	12.6
Oldham	23.9	London East Central	12.3
Inverness	23.7	Croydon	11.9
Paisley	23.1	Canterbury	11.8
Bolton	23.0	Newport, Gwent	11.2
Glasgow	22.1	Taunton	11.1
Manchester	21.7	Shetland	10.5
Falkirk	21.4	N Ireland	4.3
Ilford	21.3	Jersey	3.9

Prescription errors cost £3.5m in claims over six years

By JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

WRONGLY prescribed drugs that have caused death or permanent damage are the commonest cause of medical negligence claims against doctors, a report says today.

Compensation payments worth £3.5 million were paid out to patients by the Medical Defence Union, the doctors'

defence body, over six years because of prescribing errors.

A survey of 21,500 claims against GP members of the union found 790 in which damages were paid. Almost 200 payments, one quarter of the total, were made because of drug errors.

The commonest mistakes involved giving the wrong drug, the wrong dose, or failing to note its interaction

with another drug or an allergy. In almost half the cases the damage was permanent - causing scarring, nerve damage or stroke - and 18 per cent resulted in death, stillbirth or an abortion.

Two thirds of the cases were settled for less than £10,000 each but five resulted in damages of over £100,000. A woman who lost the feeling in her lower back after medical staff

injected calcium chloride instead of sodium chloride (common salt used in a saline drip) during the administration of an epidural won £308,000.

In another case, a 72-year-old man with a long history of wheezing, for which he used an inhaler, was treated for high blood pressure with a beta-blocker, oxprenolol. He collapsed and died shortly after taking the first tablet.

His GP failed to heed warnings in drug directories that the drug could induce an asthmatic attack in wheezy patients. The claim was settled for £5,500.

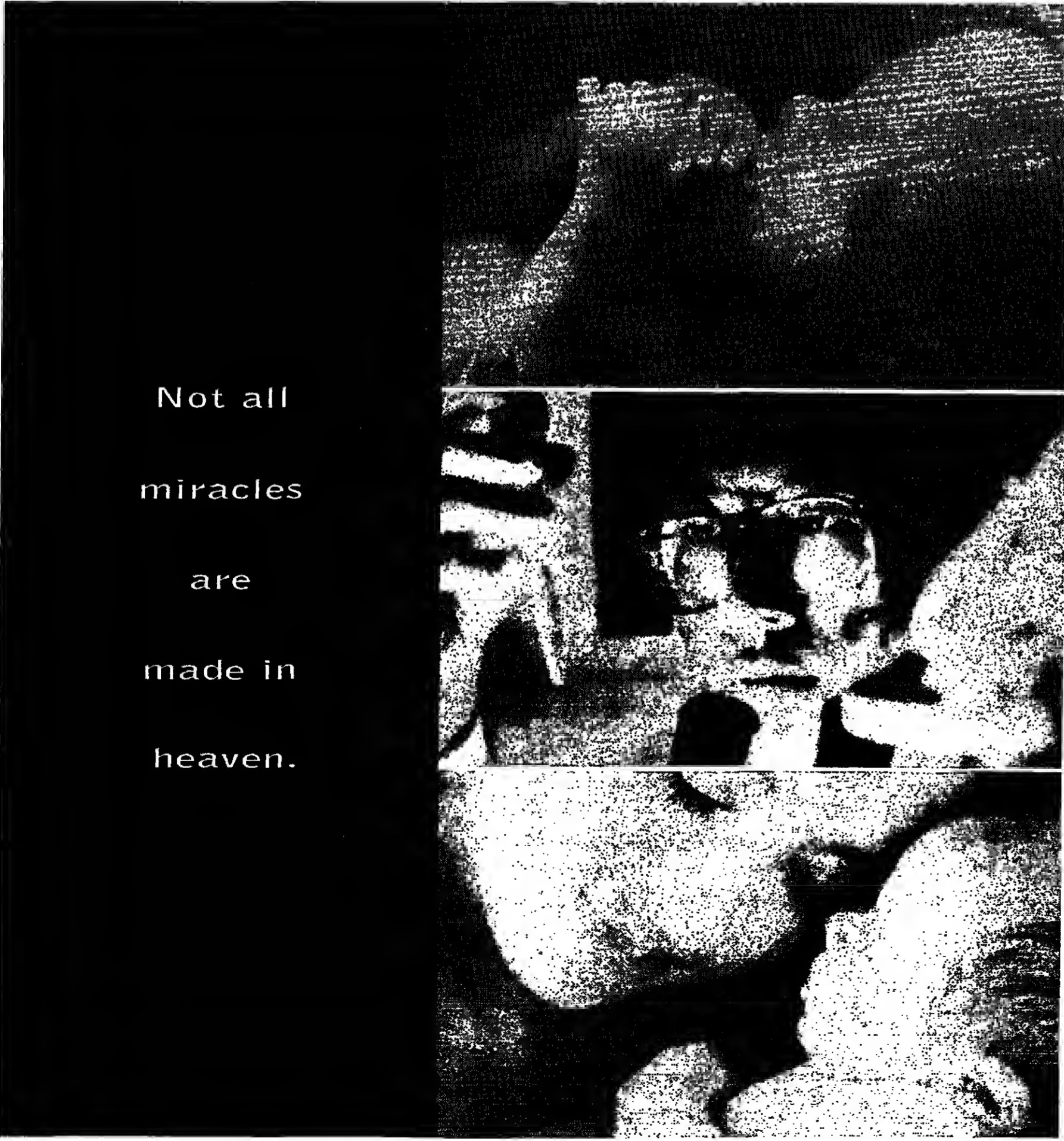
In a third case, a GP's receptionist who wrote out a repeat prescription for a woman with heart trouble on long-term anti-coagulation therapy gave the dose as 5 mg per day instead of 1 mg. The

GP failed to spot the error when he signed the prescription and the patient later had an internal haemorrhage and required a transfusion. The claim was settled for £1,500.

Dr Stephen Green, head of risk management at the MDU, said it was the first time the union had made such detailed information available. "We feel it is essential to highlight potential pitfalls and

to provide our members with as much information as possible to help them manage their patients safely."

The report, *Medication Errors*, advises doctors to take care when prescribing drugs with similar names, to check the medical histories and current medication before prescribing new drugs and to devise systems of monitoring long-term drug treatment.



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Labour leadership backs Straw on child curfew plan

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership threw its weight yesterday behind Jack Straw's proposed curfews for children under ten and played down internal party differences on the issue.

Mr Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, denied backing down from plans to stop children roaming the streets after 9pm but emphasised that he was not advocating a nationwide scheme.

Labour party divisions appeared at the weekend when Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip, said he doubted that curfews were "a workable solution" to youth crime.

Margaret Hodge, MP for Barking, who is attached to Mr Straw's team, also dismissed the idea as "absolutely ridiculous" and "a complete and utter nonsense". But yesterday Mr Hodge, who is a close ally of Mr Blair, issued a statement via the Labour leader's office saying that she had been misinterpreted and that she supported Mr Straw.

She insisted that her remarks, on BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions*, referred to curfews for teenage children as introduced in some American cities by President Bill Clinton. "No responsible parent should leave a child under ten on the streets at night and therefore Jack Straw is quite right to be looking at proposals to address this problem," Mrs Hodge said. "I was asked about President Clinton's plan, which related to teenagers. There is a huge differ-

ence between a nine-year-old and a 15-year-old."

The Tories immediately sought to exploit the divisions, pointing out that Mr Straw had told *The Sunday Times* that "the age groups affected could be people up to age 16".

Mr Straw prompted a party row last year when he called for greater efforts to clear the streets of beggars, addicts and "squeegee merchants". But party sources described his latest proposal as another example of Labour's aim "to get tough on crime".

Yesterday Tory party sources accused him of backtracking after he emphasised that his plan was aimed at younger children under the age of ten and would be tested with pilot schemes.

Mr Straw said that the proposal was at an early stage, but local councils, with the agreement of police and residents, should be given power to enforce curfews on children aged ten and under who were out alone at night. "It's our view that, if you don't impose a solution nationally but provide powers locally to local councils and the police, the very prospect of those powers will generate local debate in areas where there is a problem. And you may not need to use the powers, but they should be there if the other approaches don't work."

Senior Labour Party sources said that Mr Dewar's comments had been misinterpreted and pointed out that the

police had already proposed bringing in curfews in Birmingham to control a spate of robberies and vandalism. But they emphasised that the curfew was a proposal rather than a policy and would be subject to consultation.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said that there were "enormous practical problems" with the idea. He said police already had some powers to introduce curfews on young people who were causing trouble while on bail.

"I am afraid this is not a proposal which is very practical and I think you could hear Mr Straw back-peddalling furiously this morning from some of the things which he was saying over the weekend," Mr Howard said. "I think people understand that the way to take effective action is not to rush forward with proposals just because Bill Clinton has mentioned it in a speech."

Mr Straw's plans were also criticised by Tony Butler, Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, who speaks for the Association of Chief Police Officers on youth crime. "We seem to be in danger of imposing a solution when we don't know exactly the nature of the problem," he said. "There is a need to open up the debate on this, but I have great reservations that you can enforce responsibility on parents."

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Minister stresses his Welsh credentials

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN EVANS, the new Under Secretary of State for Wales, had one overriding quality for the job. He is one of only six Welsh Tory MPs.

But the appointment will not satisfy vociferous members of the Welsh Language Society. Mr Evans, 46, unlike the minister he is replacing, Rod Richards, cannot speak Welsh.

Yesterday Mr Evans insisted

MAN IN THE NEWS

ed that it would not be a handicap. "I am a Welshman who has lived and worked in Wales all my life," he said in a BBC Radio interview. "I share with 80 per cent of the people of Wales the fact that I am not a Welsh speaker."

Mr Evans, who is married with a son and two daughters, shares with Mr Richards a love of the family, according to his entry in *Who's Who*. He became MP for Brecon and Radnor at the 1992 election, after five re-counts, with a majority of 130. It was his fifth attempt to become an MP.

In May, 1994, his future looked bleak when he quit as parliamentary aide to Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland Minister, in opposition to local government reforms in Wales. The reforms, which led to the creation of single-tier local government, took effect in April.

As Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department he had to steer the



Jonathan Evans: "I am a Welshman who has lived and worked in Wales all my life"

contentious Family Law Bill, which proposes sweeping reforms to the divorce law, through the Commons. He tried, with some success, to woo Tory rebels back to the government fold in their fight against no-fault divorce.

Before Mr Evans became an MP he was a lawyer at the Cardiff firm headed by Leo Abse, who was a Labour MP until 1987. Predictably, for a Welsh MP, Mr Evans lists

rugby among his recreations. Yesterday he said that had no need to learn the words of the Welsh national anthem. "Of course, along with most people in Wales, I sing it with great gusto and enthusiasm whenever we turn out at Arms Park against England or whoever."

Gary Streeter, 40, MP for Plymouth Sutton and a junior whip, will take Mr Evans's job at the Lord Chancellor's

Department. Mr Streeter, a lawyer, was the government whip on the divorce Bill and is respected by the Tory rebels who have threatened to scupper it at the third reading.

Mr Major decided on the two appointments after taking a 40-minute early-morning stroll in St James's Park with Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip. The resignation of Mr Richards dominated the conversation.

Military housing sell-off 'a disgrace'

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

A FORMER Chief of the Defence Staff condemned the Government's plan to sell off 60,000 military homes as "a national disgrace" yesterday.

Under the scheme, the Government aims to raise £2 billion by selling married quarters to the private sector then renting some of them back.

But Field Marshal Lord Bramall told peers that service men and their families faced the bleak prospect of losing their homes and their community life, with soaring rents, fewer houses available, and developers taking over the best estates. He was supported by Lord Craig, another former Chief of the Defence Staff, and Lord Chalfont, chairman of the House of Lords all-party defence group.

In a debate on the Armed Forces Bill, Lord Bramall said: "This will force families prematurely out of the Service and into private accommodation and this in turn will erode community life of army units and RAF stations so valuable to esprit de corps."

Lord Bramall, one of the most highly decorated soldiers, said that the forces were "acutely overstretched" and accused Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, of naivety. "My concern is now with the never-ending peripheral but potentially erosive studies which add to the instability and uncertainty which the Armed Forces have had to endure over the last five years and which strike at the ethos and identity of the Services, so important to morale and fighting quality," he said.

The Army Families Federation is opposing the sell-off and has the support of the British Legion.

Defence ministers later rejected Lord Bramall's claims, saying that the changes would improve outdated army housing and provide a more flexible system.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions to environment ministers and the Prime Minister; Education (Scotland) Bill; backbench debate on funding of social services in Buckinghamshire; in the Lords, Derogation (Gun Barrel Proving Order); European Union; report on drinking water; EU reports on transfer of undertakings; Damages Bill, report.

Redwood overtakes Portillo as people's right-wing choice

BY PETER RIGGELL



Tory rivals John Redwood and Michael Portillo

JOHN REDWOOD has for the first time overtaken Michael Portillo as the standard bearer of the Tory Right in the public's ranking of possible successors to John Major, according to a MORI poll for *The Times*.

MORI asked people which one of a series of named Tory politicians they would like to see replace Mr Major as party leader "when the time comes". Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Min-

ister, easily comes first, with 18 per cent. Mr Redwood is second on 9 per cent, followed by Kenneth Clarke on 7 per cent.

Mr Portillo is on 4 per cent, the same as Chris Patten, who, as Governor of Hong Kong, is not an MP and is therefore ineligible to stand. The rest, including Michael Howard and Malcolm Rifkind, are on 3 per cent or less.

These findings confirm Mr Redwood's success in building up his public as well as parliamentary standing as leader of the Euro-

sceptic Right since his unsuccessful challenge to Mr Major last July. Among Conservative supporters his lead over Mr Portillo is smaller, at 11 against 7 per cent.

But never in the past has Mr Redwood been rated by the public ahead of Mr Portillo. Before last year's leadership election, support for him in the polls was too small to count, and even during the campaign, Mr Portillo was still in the lead, especially among Tory supporters.

Mr Redwood attracts his stron-

gest support among owner occupiers, those who have switched away from the Tories since the 1992 election, those who regard Europe as among the most important issues facing Britain today and those who vote for Britain to leave the European Union in any referendum. However, he receives just 5 per cent support, the lowest in any British region. In Wales, where he was Secretary of State for two years until his resignation.

These rankings are mainly a measure of name recognition and

immediate political impact rather than predictors of what may happen when there is a Tory leadership election. For instance, a MORI poll immediately just after the last general election about who should lead Labour after Neil Kinnock put the late John Smith in a commanding lead with just 1 per cent backing Tony Blair.

□ MORI interviewed 1,620 adults between May 23 and 26; 27 per cent said they would support none of the named Tory politicians and 18 per cent said they did not know.

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Critics condemn moves to preserve low-budget 'architectural experiments' of postwar Britain

Functional buildings claim place in heritage

By Marcus Binney

ENGLISH Heritage's latest choice of postwar functionalist buildings to recommend for listing sparked renewed controversy yesterday.

The list includes theatres, swimming pools, sports pavilions, shopping parades, buildings at London Zoo, some of the earliest tower housing in Britain and works by controversial figures such as Sir Basil Spence and Sir Frederick Gibberd.

Dr David Watkin, the Cambridge architectural historian, said: "I feel it is monstrous to open the way to spend public money propping up experimental buildings constructed on low budgets immediately after the war. They raise serious problems of maintenance and repair."

"Some of Gibberd's buildings are falling down. Look at the problems with Liverpool's Catholic cathedral."

Dr Watkin criticised English Heritage's method of listing postwar architecture according to building type. "It's hard to see a sports pavilion or a swimming pool being viewed as an icon of our age by future generations. We should be listing buildings of outstanding quality which future generations will clearly venerate."

The latest recommendations, in five categories, include a group of tower blocks in new towns around London such as Basildon, Bracknell and Harlow.

Dr Martin Cherry, head of listing for English Heritage, said: "Gibberd's The Lawn at Harlow is the first high-rise housing built after the war. The residents appear sympathetic to listing. They are proud of the development and recently objected strongly to a proposal to build a telecommunications mast on top."

Also recommended for listing is Brooke House, Basildon, one of the first houses in

Britain erected on the notorious concrete pillars known as Pilotis, from which the anti-modernist column in *Private Eye*, started by Sir John Bejman, takes its name.

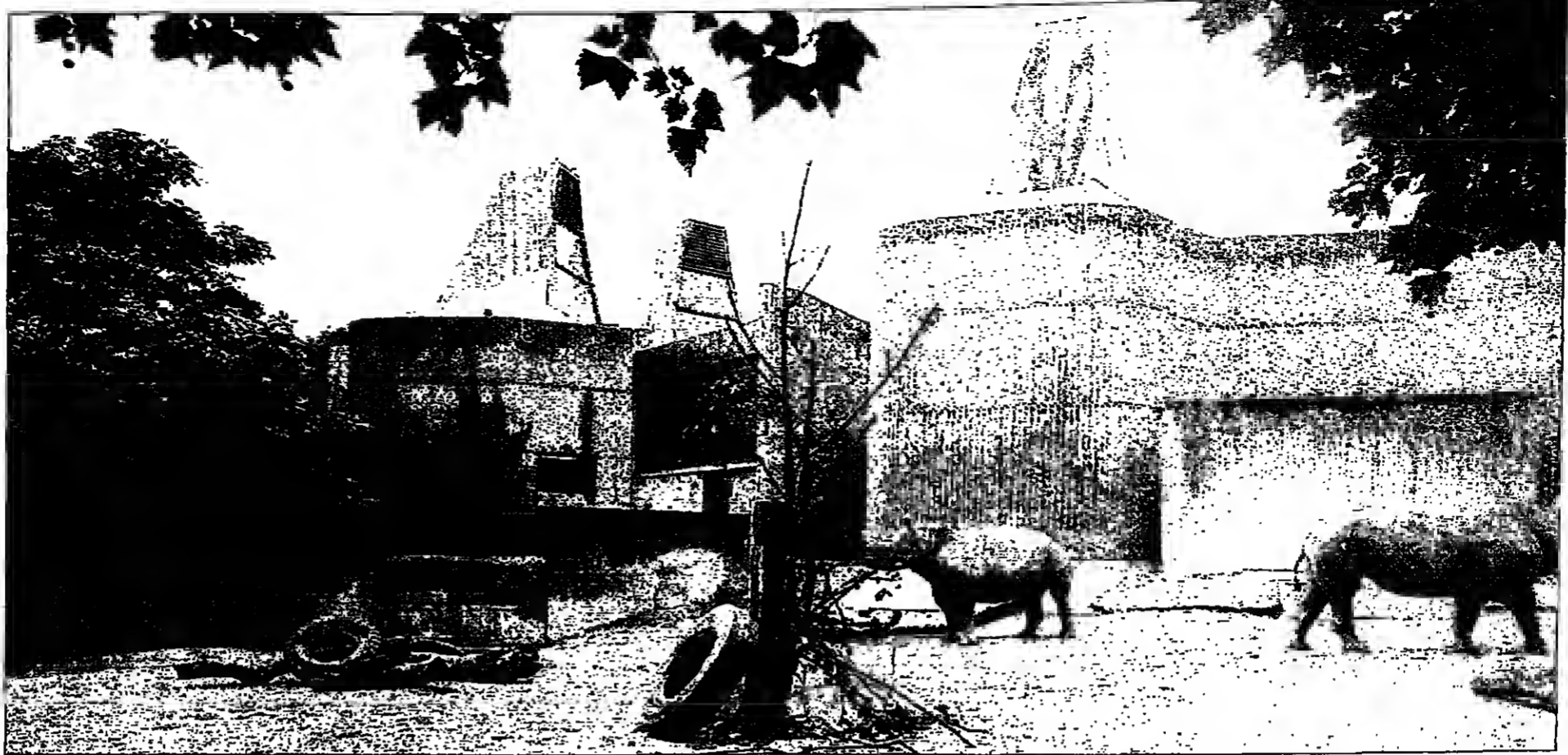
At London Zoo, English Heritage has proposed a Grade II* listing for the elephant house, by Sir Hugh Casson, the former President of the Royal Academy. This was criticised by the late Gerald Durrell as "an architect's whim" unsuitable for elephants, with a tiny area outside and unnecessarily high ceilings within which made it difficult to heat.

English Heritage also recommends a Grade II* listing for the renowned Snowdon Aviary, Cedric Price, the architect who worked with the Earl of Snowdon on the project, said: "It has been very badly maintained in recent years and I hope they will be given a grant to clean it and get the waterworks going again."

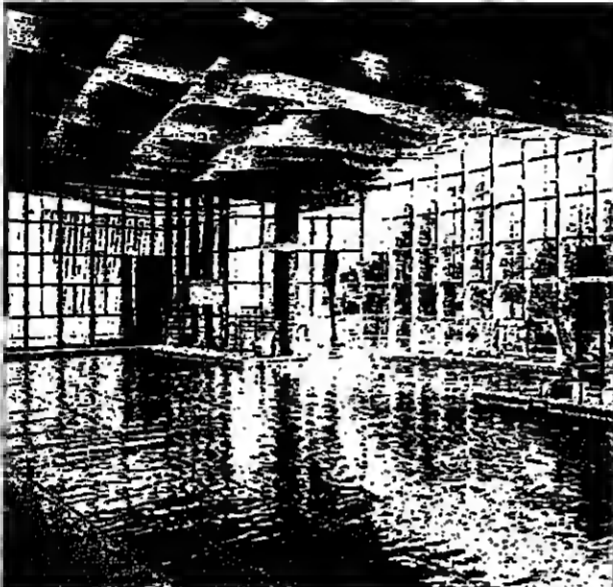
English Heritage also recommends for listing a series of modest terrace houses in Norfolk villages by the architects Tayler and Green. Dr Cherry said: "Conservation area legislation is not very effective in protecting details and many of these simple houses retain all their original windows, porches and trellis."

An English Heritage spokesman added: "All the buildings recommended are of national importance for their architectural design, decoration or craftsmanship and for the integrity of their total concept. They are put forward on the strength of their technological innovation, their response to a functional requirement or their association with a particular historical event. A notable feature of postwar recommendations is the dramatic use of space made possible by new materials and techniques."

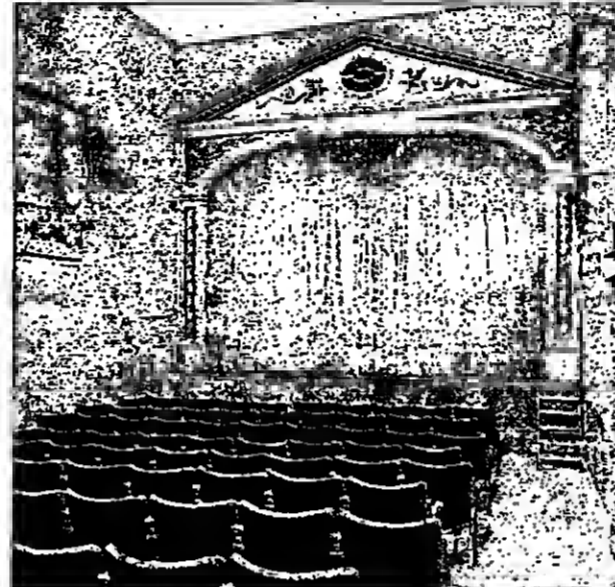
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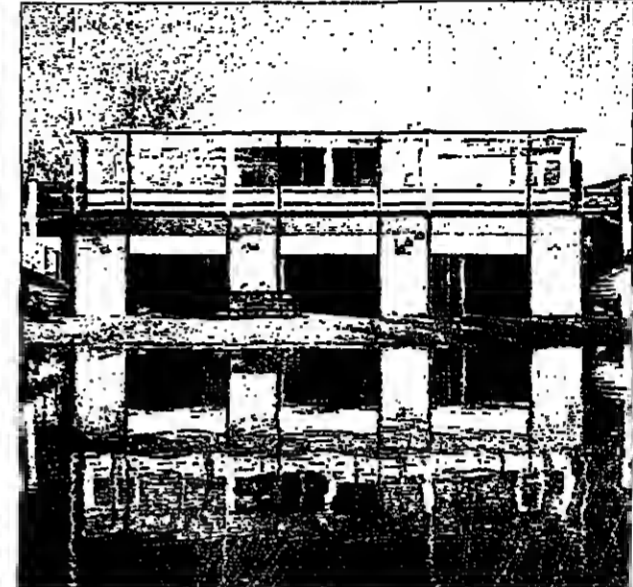
The elephant and rhino pavilion at London Zoo, which is recommended for listing, has won acclaim from architects but critics say it is unsuitable for its occupants



Proposed for listing: Coventry Central Baths



The Rosehill Theatre at Moresby, Cumbria



Corpus Christi and Sidney Sussex boathouse

alteration or even demolition, rather it would force planning applications to go through a more specialised and strict assessment before acceptance or rejection.

An exhibition on the recommendations will open today at the RIBA Architecture Centre in west London and the public

will be invited to offer their opinions.

English Heritage justified its choices as follows:

□ Corpus Christi and Sidney Sussex boat house, Cambridge, by David Roberts (1953-59): "The first modern movement boathouse, it rapidly became a design classic and

its simplicity set a trend for boathouse buildings elsewhere."

□ 23-79 The Ryde, Harfield, Hertfordshire, by Peter Phippen and Associates (1964-6): "A good example of patio planning. The relationship between individual privacy and communal grouping placed it

at the forefront of new ideas in housing."

□ 1-30 Windmill Green, Ditchingham, Norfolk, by Tayler and Green (1947-49): "It revives the traditional English terrace round three sides of an open-ended village green with colourwashed houses and fretted bargeboards."

□ Houses in Davy Place, Loddon, Norfolk, by Tayler and Green (1962-3): "Old people's bungalows which won a civil trust award in 1964."

Other proposals for listing include the Chichester Festival Theatre by Powell & Moya (1960-62); the National Recreation Centre, Crystal

Palace, by London County Council (1960-64); the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, City Architects' Department (1955-57); the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, by Bryan and Norman Westwood (1961-63) and the Curzon Cinema, Mayfair, by John Burnet and Partners (1963-66).

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Swiss banker who worshipped Hitler commits suicide

By BEN MACINTYRE

A SHADOWY Swiss banker who spent his life supporting Nazism, defending Arab extremism and bankrolling the legal defence of war criminals and terrorists has committed suicide at his home near Lausanne in front of a group of chosen witnesses.

François Genoud, 81, known as "the Black Banker" for his shady dealings with the world's political pariahs, killed himself last Friday by drinking a fatal cocktail of drugs. His dramatic choice of death, surrounded by members of the suicide-assistance group Exit, has been interpreted as an echo of the suicide of his hero, Hitler.

An unrepentant devotee of National Socialism, Genoud's associates included Wadi Haddad, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was believed to have given funds to various Nazis and neo-Nazi groups as well as Arab extremists.

The son of a wealthy Swiss wallpaper manufacturer and a half-English mother, Genoud was sent, at the age of 17, for education in Germany "to learn order and discipline". His lifelong devotion to the Nazi cause dated from the moment in October 1932 when he met and shook hands with Hitler. "He was my hero. He still is. He will remain one of the greatest men of our time," he recently told his French biographer, Pierre Péan.

Described by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal as "a friend of all the neo-Nazis", Genoud was suspected of involvement in a network to protect fleeing war criminals and of controlling looted Nazi war treasure held in Swiss banks.

Motivated by a visceral hatred of Zionism, Genoud worked as a Nazi counter-espionage agent in Switzerland during the war and went on to control the literary estates of Joseph Goebbels



Genoud: killed himself in front of witnesses

and Martin Bormann. He gave money for the defence of Adolf Eichmann, the architect of Nazi genocide, and that of Klaus Barbie, the Lyons Gestapo chief tried in 1987.

Genoud developed a passion for ultra-nationalist Arab movements after travelling to Baghdad in 1936 to meet the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hitler's ally. He supported Palestinian extremists, and set up a bank in Geneva to finance the leadership of the National Liberation Front during the war against French rule in Algeria.

When Illich Ramirez Sanchez, better known as the terrorist "Carlos the Jackal" was arrested in Sudan in 1994, Genoud flew to his aid, condemning his capture as "the fall of a hero who has dedicated his life to fighting for the Palestinian Arabs".

Remorse was apparently the last thing on Genoud's mind when he took his life last Friday. He joined Exit a year ago, having already told M Péan that he planned to choose the moment of his death "in order to leave in a dignified way without physical deterioration".

"The Black Banker" called his postwar mission to rehabilitate Hitler as part of "global war against Zionism".

Between 1956 and 1964 he became the literary agent for the descendants of Nazi officials. He helped arrange the publication, in numerous languages, of Hitler's *Political Testament*.

In 1992 he was reportedly paid £17,000 by the *Daily Mail* for copyright permission to parts of Goebbels's diaries.

His activities earned him the scrutiny of the KGB, the CIA and Mossad. At the time of his death, he faced charges in Switzerland of denying crimes against humanity, but his ability to avoid prosecution remains a matter of speculation. It was often suggested that he had worked for Swiss military intelligence and enjoyed the protection of the authorities.

He recently told friends he was exhausted by his long "banlie" and old age, but his suicide was clearly a final act of grim defiance by the veteran Nazi apologist.



Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, finds the negotiations on Nato's future hard going in Berlin yesterday

US and Europe agree Nato role

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

MALCOLM RIFKIND, the Foreign Secretary, expressed satisfaction yesterday that the new European defence identity within Nato has been scaled down in a way that will not sap the relationship between the United States and Europe.

The new alliance arrangement, completed in Berlin yesterday after a late-night bargaining session and more than a year of negotiation, allows the Western European Union to take over the leadership of some Nato operations.

However, the agreement contains many potential pitfalls. America has needed to be reassured at every stage that it is not being elbowed out of Nato decision-making. The French, meanwhile, had grand ambitions for a European pillar of the alliance that would go well beyond the tight corset of the WEU. Both the US and the French gave ground, but there are still some misgivings.

"The British have managed to mediate between the two positions and we have come up with a satisfactory deal," one diplomat said, reflecting a generally upbeat mood among the 16 member states. Even the traditional friction between Greece and Turkey failed to hold up the release of the final communiqué which, in Mr Rifkind's view, now gives Nato "maximum flexibility".

The Foreign Secretary played down the significance of the Western European Union in the new alignment. The union, he said, would "occasionally, from time to time, take the lead using Nato assets with Nato approval". Nato, he emphasised, was the "only credible force" in Europe.

The WEU mission, he said, was restricted to humanitarian assistance, helping refugees and coming to the aid of civil powers. His understanding was that the scope of the WEU "did not include combat missions". French diplomats saw the matter differently. The WEU, in the French view, is still potentially a European fighting force. Since France and Germany want the WEU to be fully merged into the European Union, there is plenty of potential for conflict with Britain.

French officials talked yesterday of the need for "a permanent and visible" European defence identity. Significantly, the phrase was not included in the communiqué. The chief task of yesterday's meeting was to assure America there would be no erosion of its influence within Nato. The Germans were particularly anxious that ammunition should not be given to US congressmen who want to withdraw the remaining 100,000 American troops from Europe.

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Colonel Klink and Sergeant Schultz in an episode of the 1960s television series Hogan's Heroes

Germany sees the funny side of war

By ROGER BOYES

EVERY day the rugged American pilot Colonel Hogan and his fellow Allied prisoners wage a proxy war with the monocular camp commandant Colonel Klink; every day the mumbull Germans are outwitted, and every day almost a million German viewers laugh themselves silly.

Fifty years on, the war has become an acceptable subject for television comedy in Germany. On television, at long last, there are jokes to be had about the war.

Until now, German viewers who wanted to giggle about Nazis had to tune into Belgian television where *Allo, Allo* was playing with Flemish subtitles. Now, however, Germans can and do switch on Kabel 1, a private network, to watch *Hogan's Heroes*.

The 1960s comedy series features a group of misfit prisoners of war, conforming to the usual Hollywood stereotypes of prissy Englishmen, cavalier and slightly unreliable Frenchmen, and clean-cut American, who plot against their German captors. Storylines include exploding birthday cakes.

The Germans are either arrogant (Colonel Klink is played by a German-Jewish refugee from the Nazis, Werner Klemperer) or sympathetic boneheads such as Ser-

geant Schultz, whose main preoccupation is schnitzel, sauerkraut, beer and beer. Why do the Germans laugh when they see themselves portrayed as buffoons? The trick, as *The Wall Street Journal* points out in an analysis of the Hogan phenomenon, is in the dubbing. A first attempt in 1992 to launch the series in Germany flopped because the lip synchronisation was poor. Above all, the German audience was not completely sure it was dealing with caricatures. Sergeant Schultz's obsession with food seemed all too plausible and, well, not very funny. After all, sausages are important.

Rainer Brandt, a top synchronist, was called in. His mission: to make the Germans sound even more foolish. Then viewers would understand that the blundering soldiers were supposed to be figures of fun. Changes were made: in the American version, the Germans talk about dumping bombs on London. In the German version, bombs become "condoms" and a sub-plot is introduced, a German attempt to defeat the British by preventing them having babies.

There have been other signs of crumbling taboos. The most important signal came in the release of the most sensitive episode of the television series *Family Towers*.

The episode entitled *The Germans*, in which John Cleese urges his staff not to mention the war to German guests and then proceeds to do so on every possible occasion, was put on ice for years. After a decade of hesitation, however, television planners agreed that the episode could be shown, and that it was even rather funny.

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Grave may yield key to Wild West explorer's death

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ALL that is known for certain is that Meriwether Lewis, the famed explorer who opened up the American West, died of knife and gunshot wounds on the night of October 11, 1809, in a rough Tennessee inn called Grinder's Stand.

Lewis was deemed to have committed suicide and his mentor Thomas Jefferson concurred, but then rumours began to circulate that Lewis had actually been murdered. Even now, 187 years later, many Americans doubt that a great national hero would have taken his own life and yesterday, in the tiny Tennessee town of Hohenwald, an inquest opened that could finally resolve this mystery.

James Starrs, a noted forensic scientist from George Washington University, is asking a seven-man coroner's jury for permission to dig up Lewis's remains from a nearby grave. He believes that, with the technology of the late 20th century, he can demonstrate conclusively whether Lewis died by his own hand or someone else's.

The amount of carbon on the bones would show the distance from which the shots were fired, for example. The bullets' trajectories would

show whether Lewis could have fired them himself.

Professor Starrs has a long history of digging up dead men and making them tell their tales. In 1989 he disinterred the alleged victims of Alferd (sic) Packer and determined, from the knife marks on their bones, that the infamous prospector did indeed survive the winter of 1873 in Colorado's Rocky Mountains by dining on his companion. In 1991 he exhumed Carl Weiss, Huey Long's alleged assassin, to test the

theory that Louisiana's infamous Governor was in fact shot by his own bodyguards, who then pumped bullets into Weiss to make him appear the culprit.

Most recently, he opened Jesse James's alleged grave in Missouri and used DNA testing to prove the remains were indeed the outlaw's.

Between 1804 and 1806, Lewis, a daring young Virginian, and a fellow explorer, William Clark, completed the first overland expedition across the untamed continent to the Pacific Coast and back. Jefferson rewarded him with the governorship of the huge new territories acquired through the Louisiana Purchase but his life soon began to collapse. He acquired syphilis, drank heavily and fell into debt.

In 1809, aged 35, he left his St Louis headquarters for Washington and was travelling up the Natchez Trace, the frontier trail linking Nashville to the Mississippi Delta, when he stopped for the night at Grinder's Stand.

Mrs Grinder, the innkeeper's wife, claimed Lewis drank and paced around his room until the small hours when shots rang out. She found him



Lewis: many doubt that he took his own life



Sacajawea, a Shoshone Indian slave, guides Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their journey west

wounded in the head and chest and said that he tried to finish himself off with his razor.

Clark and Jefferson both accepted the suicide verdict. It was suggested that a companion might have killed him, and in 1848 the Tennessee Com-

mission that erected the first monument by his grave wrote that he "died by the hand of an assassin". Professor Starrs will present the coroner's jury with testimony from historians, pathologists and firearms experts and has won the support of 31 Lewis descen-

dants and the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation.

But he is also encountering some strong opposition. "Let the poor man rest," said Stephen Ambrose, the celebrated historian who recently published a biography of Lewis. "This whole business is

phony. Hard as it is to accept that an American hero killed himself, there is no doubt that Lewis committed suicide. Jefferson believes that, Clark believes that. If there were any doubt at all, Jefferson and Clark would have gone to Tennessee to investigate."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Germany's deficit 'too high'

Luxembourg: Germany was added to the list of Europe's economic profligates yesterday when EU finance ministers reviewed members' fiscal performance (Charles Bremner writes).

With a budget deficit of 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product, Germany was among the majority of EU members running "excessive deficits" and risking failure to meet the criteria for monetary union next year. Under Maastricht rules, the budget deficit must stand at 3 per cent or less of GDP.

Albania victory

Tirana: President Berisha's Democratic Party claimed a sweeping victory after winning six out of nine run-off ballots, boycotted by the opposition after widespread fraud in the first round. (AP)

Cyprus shooting

Nicosia: United Nations troops manning the buffer zone that divides Cyprus were braced for angry demonstrations after Turkish troops shot dead an unarmed Greek Cypriot soldier in no man's land.

Reformer goes

Moscow: Anatoli Sobchak, a founder of the democratic movement, was ousted as Mayor of St Petersburg by his former deputy. Mr Sobchak said the result was a blow for President Yeltsin's reforms.

Iraqi jets burnt

Nicosia: Ten Iraqi warplanes, a helicopter gunship and an ammunition warehouse were destroyed by mystery explosions and fires at an air force base in northern Iraq, an opposition group claimed.

Talk of the devil

Bogotá: A belief that the Antichrist will be born in Colombia on Thursday, the sixth day of the sixth month in a year ending in a six, has provoked parents to queue up to baptise their children. (AFP)

Squad to counter chemical attacks

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States Marine Corps will unveil an elite new unit this week designed to respond to chemical warfare attacks against American missions and military installations throughout the world.

The Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force, a group of 350 hand-picked Marines and sailors, has been undergoing intensive training for some weeks at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. The response teams will be connected by computer to a group of leading scientists, who will offer immediate counsel on how they should proceed.

Joshua Lederberg, president emeritus of Rockefeller University who will head the advisory organisation, has for years been warning Washington about the vulnerability of America to sneak chemical and biological warfare attacks. The Marines are just one element of a counter-strategy which has been in the pipeline since 12 people were killed and 5,500 injured by a nerve gas attack in the Tokyo underground last year.

Despite events such as the Tokyo subway disaster and the bombings in Oklahoma city and at the World Trade Centre, the American public does not

appear to see terrorist attacks as a real danger. A recent poll in Washington reported that 72 per cent of the public thought such attacks could happen while only 13 per cent claimed to be seriously concerned.

America has allocated less than \$10 million (£6.5 million) over the past two years to help its cities prepare for terrorists. And although Senator Richard Lugar, the Indiana Republican, and Democratic Senator Sam Nunn are drafting a bill to authorise several hundred million dollars more, they are not convinced of its passage.

Tough Los Angeles boys taught to play game with straight bat

FROM GILES WHITTILL IN LOS ANGELES

THE unlikely sound of leather on willow has come to a state-funded school in one of America's toughest areas. Pupils at Walton Middle School in the gang-ridden Los Angeles suburb of Compton are being introduced to the soothing joys of cricket by a group of volunteers.

Compton is the birthplace of Gangsta Rap, a numbing

hybrid of pop music and tribal battle rhythms whose brutal lyrics have been censured in Congress. The suburb also has a homicide level nearly equalling that of San Francisco, a city which has seven times its population.

Undeterred, James Marcel, a British actor, together with a Jamaican coach and a charismatic black activist with a fondness for pith helmets, hosted a two-day cricket training camp on the school's

playing field last weekend. Dozens of teenagers for whom gang shootings and drugs are everyday hazards turned up to strap on pads and try to adapt their free-form baseball swing to the baffling business of keeping a straight bat.

"It's like golf and baseball and softball all mixed up," Pauline Mitchell, 13, decided. However, whether cricket proves a panacea for the ills of America's inner cities remains to be seen.



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Bahrain in move
Iran-back

Bahrain arrests 29 in move to foil 'Iran-backed coup'

By Christopher Walker, Middle East Correspondent

THE tiny sheikhdom of Bahrain, the Gulf's main financial centre and base for the US Fifth Fleet, yesterday announced that it had foiled an Iranian-backed coup attempt and arrested 29 of the plotters, some trained by extreme Islamic Revolutionary Guards in Iran and Lebanon.

The alleged bid to overthrow the minority Sunni Muslim al-Khalifa family, who have ruled Bahrain since the late 18th century and are known for their pro-Western stance, came amid an 18-month mass uprising by the Shia Muslim majority, ringleaders of which have also allegedly received backing from the Government of President Rafsanjani in Tehran.

Nearly 30 people have died in the bombing and rioting which has seriously destabilised the expatriate community, including thousands of Britons.

Muhammad Ibrahim al-Munawae, the Information Minister, said Bahrain was withdrawing its ambassador from Tehran in response to the attempted coup, which he claimed had been designed to stage an armed revolution and install an Iranian-backed revolutionary regime.

Western diplomats said a coup attempt had serious implications because of the danger of any unrest spreading across the causeway which links Bahrain to the Shia-populated eastern province of Saudi Arabia and from there throughout the oil-rich Gulf. The Saudis have been giving Bahrain extensive military support in its battle to subdue the unrest, which has been stirred by Iranian rabble-rousers and by shocking living conditions in the Shia villages scattered all around the gleaming capital, Manama.

"A serious conspiracy has been uncovered which reveals that an organisation known as the military wing of Hezbollah-Bahrain, together with the



Rafsanjani: sympathetic to Shia Muslim revolt

Iranian authorities, has been plotting since early 1993 to undermine Bahrain's security and stability," the minister said. "The movement's main aims are to stage an armed revolution to overthrow the Bahrain Government by force and to replace it with a pro-Iranian regime."

Mr Mutawae gave a warning that the group behind the alleged plot, a previously unidentified wing of Hezbollah (Party of God), the organisation backed by Iran in its fight against Israeli targets in occupied southern Lebanon and abroad, may be still active. He said that all 29 of those arrested were native Bahrainis and some had been picked up while trying to return to the country.

The minister said the suspects had confessed last month and had detailed their links to Iran, which in the past has repeatedly denied any links to the Bahraini unrest. The riots centre around demands for a return of the parliament disbanded by the Sunni rulers in 1975.

Mr Mutawae said the organisation had been founded in the Iranian holy city of Qom in 1993 "under the guidance and the full financial and resource backing of the Iranian au-

thorities and the intelligence department of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards".

The simmering revolt among the underprivileged Shias of Bahrain — many of whom allege maltreatment by mercenary security squads recruited from abroad by the ruling family — was sparked in late 1994 when scantily clad fun-runners from among the large Western expatriate community were attacked as they passed the Shia Muslim villages.

Since then, the campaign has escalated with bomb attacks against three luxury hotels, against restaurants used by expatriates and against shopping areas in Manama. There have also been frequent attacks on a wide variety of state-owned targets in the Shia villages where black flags now hang over many of the squalid houses in memory of the self-styled "martyrs" of the riots, which have now become an almost nightly occurrence.

On a recent trip, I found clear evidence of collusion with Iranian elements among the leadership of the Shia revolt. But at the same time, the natural resentment of the Shia underclass provided Iranian recruiters with ready support. The lavish skyscrapers and opulent villas of the ruling class are in marked contrast to the stinking, shabby Shia villages.

The Gulf Co-operation Council, of which Bahrain is a member, has issued an unusually strongly worded statement against Iran and said that the Islamic republic must not interfere in the internal affairs of GCC states and must not revert to "acts of sabotage and encouraging them".

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mahmoud Mohammadi, later denied that Tehran interfered in the affairs of other countries and said that it followed a policy of friendly relations.

Shamir calls for scrapping of accord

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

YITZHAK SHAMIR, the right-wing former Israeli leader, urged Binyamin Netanyahu, the Likud Prime Minister-elect, yesterday to abandon the peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In the strongest sign yet of the pressure growing on Mr Netanyahu to abandon the pragmatism shown in the early comments he has made since his narrow victory over Shimon Peres, Mr Shamir said: "I hope that Mr Netanyahu will not continue along the Oslo framework and will know how to stand up against those who pressure him to abide by this outline. He will need to rebuff these attacks."

In a reference to recent attempts by the United States to influence the election in Mr Peres's favour and subsequently to try to persuade Israel to go ahead with the troop evacuation of Hebron scheduled for tomorrow week, the hawkish former Likud Prime Minister who was defeated in the 1992 poll by Labour, said that some of "our people became accustomed during the last four years to take fright at any threat which came from abroad, even empty ones. There is a need to know how to stand firm and take our own course, and there is especially an imperative to remain loyal to what we want to achieve. . . Only in this way can pressures be withstood."

Although Mr Shamir is not expected to have any position in Mr Netanyahu's 18-member right-wing coalition Cabinet, he is a respected figure to the Israeli Right and was honoured with a place on the podium when Mr Netanyahu delivered his victory speech in Jerusalem on Sunday night.

Mr Shamir's interview with a right-wing and ultra-religious radio station was the first signal that Mr Netanyahu will be facing strong pressures within his own party to press ahead with the promised expansion of Jewish



Binyamin Netanyahu, left, Prime Minister-elect, with President Weizman in Jerusalem yesterday after briefing the Israeli head of state on his policies

settlements and other election pledges likely to lead to early clashes with the Palestinians.

Mustafa Mathe, the Palestinian Mayor of Hebron, has already predicted the eruption of a new intifada there if next week's pullback by Israeli troops does not go ahead as agreed. Yesterday, sources in the internal security service said that attempts to shut Orient House, the PLO's diplomatic outpost in annexed east Jerusalem, could also provoke an intifada.

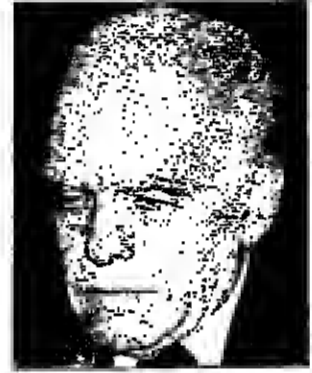
Mr Shamir called for an immediate end to the Labour Party's freeze on settlements in the occupied West Bank. "This was the most terrible decision the previous Government reached," he said. "Netanyahu and his aides must prepare themselves not to talk about

Jerusalem and not to conduct negotiations about it."

Leah Rabin, the widow of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister, said yesterday that she had not really

meant it when she spoke about packing her bags and leaving Israel after Mr Netanyahu's election victory. She also had a word of caution for Mr Netanyahu after his speech in which he promised to pursue peace with the Arabs. She said he must "make sure they guard him well and that he takes good care of himself if he really intends to continue the peace process."

□ Cairo: President Assad of Syria said yesterday that the election of Mr Netanyahu could damage the peace process. Speaking at a press conference here with President Mubarak of Egypt, he said: "We have to stay awake so we do not drop our guard or be taken for fools."



Shamir: a respected figure for the Right

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Outsider given task of Mossad revival

By Christopher Walker

DANNY YATOM, Si, a former commando and mathematician nicknamed "the Prussian" because of his rigid bearing, became Israel's new spymaster yesterday.

His appointment comes at a time when the Mossad foreign secret service is being frozen out of many operations.

As a result of the Middle East peace process and the opposition of Shimon Peres, the outgoing Prime Minister, much of Mossad's activities in Arab countries had been handed over to others.

Israeli intelligence sources say that while Mr Peres was Foreign Minister, he "sought to reduce Mossad's traditional authority over assessments of neighbouring Arab countries as well as African and Muslim countries". They said Mr Peres also discouraged Mossad's views, preferring those from his ministry's research division.

Major-General Yatom is the first spymaster to be appointed from outside the organisation in almost 14 years. One of his main tasks, besides reviving the reputation and morale of the agency, will be the fight against Islamic terrorism. His other priority will be to monitor Iran's progress in attempts to obtain the nuclear bomb, and to provide assessments to the incoming hardline Likud government of Binyamin Netanyahu of the practicalities of launching a pre-emptive strike, similar to that launched against Iraq in 1981 by Menachem Begin, a previous Likud Prime Minister.

Mossad's reputation began to diminish after the 1991 Gulf War when Jewish critics blamed it for failing to forecast the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and for not properly assessing the Iraqi threat to Israel.



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London and Bonn join Kashmir hunt for hostage graves

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

GERMAN federal police have sent sniffer dogs to India to search a forest area in the eastern Kashmir Valley for the possible graves of four Western hostages, including two Britons, kidnapped by Muslim extremists last July. A senior Metropolitan Police officer is also to take part in the search.



"This is the beginning of what could be a long process," a diplomatic source said. "We have no hard evidence that the hostages are dead. But we have had disturbing news and we are trying to get to the bottom of it. We are following up all leads. The only way we can make progress is to go to the area where there are supposed to be graves."

The families of the two Britons, Keith Mangat, 34, and Paul Wells, 24, are being kept in touch with developments by the Foreign Office. The two, kidnapped while hijacking, have been held

He said that they were killed in the first half of December — he gave two possible dates — which did not tally with intelligence reports that the hostages spent Christmas in the hills above Kokarnag village, in the east of the Kashmir Valley. According to those reports, the kidnapers bought their prisoners sweets and other presents.

An Indian government source said: "We are not giving much credibility to what Nasir says. We don't believe him."

The search for possible graves is being conducted in the Magam Rakh forest, ten miles from Kokarnag.

The hostages may have spent the winter in the hills, explaining the lack of any sightings. Maulvi Iftakhar Ansari, leader of Kashmir's Shia minority, who has had frequent contact with militant leaders, said he was convinced the hostages were alive.



Sheikha Hasina Wajed, leader of Bangladesh's opposition Awami League, waves to supporters near Dhaka yesterday. She vowed to establish a "flawless democracy" if her party wins the elections on June 12

'Green' elected to clean up Bangkok

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BANGKOK

THE man once seen as the best hope for clean government in Thailand was in the political wilderness yesterday after the capital's voters turned out in record numbers to elect an anti-pollution activist as governor of Bangkok.

Chamlong Srimuang, the ascetic Bud-

dhist founder of the Palang Dharma (Power of Virtue) Party, was defeated by Pichit Rattakul, a bland but earnest former university professor and former member of parliament who ran as an independent. Mr Chamlong had successfully contested the governorship race twice before. But the 60-year-old, who eats once a day and forswears sex, had seen his standing erode since surrender-

ing control of his party to a telecommunications magnate.

Mr Pichit, 49, is the son of Bhichal Rattakul, one-time leader of the Democrat Party, the country's oldest. His campaign promises included building a tram system over city canals, solving traffic and pollution problems, and improving garbage disposal, education and public health facilities.

Chinese avert eyes from site of killings

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

ALTHOUGH many citizens of Peking say that memories of the military crackdown on pro-democracy supporters seven years ago today are beginning to fade, the Chinese recalled the events well enough yesterday to stay away from Tiananmen Square despite the sunny weather.

As well as fewer people, there was less overt security, with fewer police vehicles in sight than on the sixth anniversary.

Peking's citizens are not inclined to spend time on a working day in the square, which is mainly crowded by visitors from the provinces, but motor traffic around the area was also well down yesterday.

There was, nevertheless, a greater presence of plainclothes police on the edges of the square and around areas where foreigners live. But the university district in north-west Peking was very quiet.

A refrain among Peking's citizens is: "Why look for trouble when we have enough on our minds anyway?"

A Chinese businesswoman said: "It is seven years, and it is true that people do not think about the 'six-four' [June 4] as much unless they had a relation killed or detained then. Some people have more money to spend these days, but others have new problems to worry about: perhaps their job in a state-run industry that is laying off staff, or whether they can get a second job. Besides, it is not a good memory; people know what happened, but do not want to talk about it any more."

A Western diplomat who analyses China's domestic affairs said: "Politics is not necessarily high in terms of people's everyday concerns. At the same time, the authorities have things pretty tightly under control."

The police have detained several dissidents, such as the outspoken veteran pro-democracy activist Wang Xizhe who has served 12 years in jail, and are likely to hold them until this potentially volatile anniversary is past. Wang Dan, one of the main figures involved in the Tiananmen protests, was re-arrested at this time last year and is still being held.

Amnesty International said last week that nobody in China was safe from human rights abuses, and spoke of "continued government repression".

That is true, but many Chinese say they are enjoying more spending power now and that they have "little freedoms" such as foreign travel and less political indoctrination for ordinary citizens.

'Defection' by tycoon to Peking

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

C. H. TUNG, an influential shipping tycoon who is tipped to become Peking's chief executive in Hong Kong after the handover next year, resigned yesterday from the Executive Council of Chris Patten, the Governor. Although long expected, Mr Tung's departure may herald further transfers of loyalty to China.

Mr Tung is also a vice-chairman of the 150-member Preparatory Committee, appointed by China to set up the structure of Hong Kong's Government in less than 400 days, and Mr Patten's appointment of him was always seen as a bridge to Peking. In January, when the committee first assembled in Peking, President Jiang Zemin made a point of welcoming Mr Tung.

In his letter of resignation, Mr Tung said that his service on both the Executive Council and the Preparatory Committee created "a conflict of interest" which had become "unmanageable".

Accepting the resignation, Mr Patten said that both men had always recognised "that a point might come when the tensions became too great".

Further defections from the Government to Peking are expected, notably from the Civil Service.

Flush of idealism inspires shanties

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ISTANBUL

THE only real fun at international jamborees is found in the unofficial bit. The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) squat in a shanty town of rickety booths, tatty posters, wacky ideas and child-like idealism completely at odds with the dry Realpolitik of the mainstream.

The NGO forum in Istanbul promises to be as eclectic and colourful as the population

rus, but a closer look shows that all participants will be listening to lectures on how the narrow waterway can limit use by oil supertankers, and how historic buildings along the banks can be protected.

As usual with advocacy groups, the First World meets the Third in head-on clashes of perception. One New York-based women's caucus advertises its work-

shop on "women, homes and community super-coalition". Underneath, a hand-scrawled note offers a "Bosphorus tour — dinner and belly-dancer". Among the more technical exhibits can be found learned journals on housing construction in Changzhou (China), case studies on the urban despoliation of fertile agricultural land along the Nile, and solemn booklets on toilet construction and new pay-as-you-use public bath and toilet centres now being erected across the towns of India by the enlightened Sulabh International Social Service Organisations.

Notices on the whitewashed walls of Istanbul Technical University advertise forthcoming attractions: workshops on "how to co-ordinate community services and strengthen families", "high tech and traditional medicine", "the future and disabled people". There are some rather sybaritic-sounding outings, such as cruises on the Bospho-

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Con artist who forged Vermeers steals the show



When Han van Meegeren's *Gentleman and Lady at a Spinnet* was "discovered as a Vermeer", the art world was ecstatic

ART lovers will look back with nostalgia on the great Vermeer exhibition in The Hague which ends this week, but there are two other simultaneous "Vermeer" exhibitions in The Netherlands that many art experts would rather forget: these tell the strange, true story of the fake Vermeers, the most notorious art fraud of modern times.

In 1932, the international art world was thrilled by the discovery of *Gentleman and Lady at a Spinnet*, which, as one connoisseur put it, was "clearly" the work of Johannes Vermeer. Over the next 15 years, five other "lost" works by the 17th-century Dutch master cropped up.

Instead of smelling a rat, scholars heaped praise on the refined brushwork. Hermann Goering, the Nazi field marshal, even bought one.

After the war, an eccentric Dutch art dealer and painter named Han van Meegeren was charged with treason for selling such a gem to the enemy. In the dock, he offered a staggering defence: he could not have collaborated with the Nazis since he had painted not only the "Vermeer" which ended up in Goering's pudgy hands, but all the other recent discoveries as well. No one believed him — until he painted another fake under court supervision.

To coincide with the Vermeer exhibition at the Mau-

Ben Macintyre reports from Rotterdam on the greatest art fraud of modern times

ritshuis in The Hague, two other Dutch museums mounted rival, tongue-in-cheek collections of van Meegeren's work, recalling a tale that is both hilarious and sobering.

Born in 1889 in Deventer, van Meegeren was a portrait painter and alcoholic socialite. Infuriated that his etchings of fawns were mocked by the art establishment, he decided in the early 1930s to get his own back by mimicking the style of the Old Masters.

Some years earlier, the then director of the Mauritshuis, Abraham Bredius, had observed that if more early Vermeers had survived they might well depict biblical scenes. So that is precisely what was provided.

Painting over original 17th-century canvasses, van Meegeren cleverly used the type of pigments originally used by Vermeer, mixing them with resin which could resist the alcohol then used to test a painting's authenticity and baking the finished painting to produce surface cracks. Van Meegeren's *Christ at*

Emmaus was hailed as the "art find of the century" in 1937 and bought by the Boymann's museum in Rotterdam for half a million guilders (about £2.5 million at today's prices). His depiction of *The Last Supper* went for more than three times that price to art collector Daniel George van Beuningen, who sold 19 other paintings, including works by Goya and Tintoretto, to pay for it.

Perhaps the most pleasing image from the saga is that of the ghostly Goering gloating over his fake Vermeer, *Christ and The Adulterous Woman*.

Once he had convinced the authorities they were fakes, van Meegeren found himself back in court, accused of fraud. He received a one-year sentence in November 1947.

A con artist to the last, he was found dead two weeks later at the age of 53, apparently of a heart attack, without having served a single day in prison.

But his works, once rejected as embarrassing fakes, are collectors' items. *The Last Supper* was purchased by the Kunsthall in Rotterdam last year for 1.6 million guilders (£45,000). This may be a fraction of the price paid by the hapless art collector back in 1941, but if van Meegeren had been able to command that sort of price in the first place, he would never have turned to forgery.



The fake that Nazi Field Marshal Hermann Goering bought for his collection: a detail from *Christ and The Adulterous Woman*



Master forger Han van Meegeren in the dock at his trial in 1947. He received a one-year jail sentence

Seed of protest lands star on drugs charge

FROM QUENTIN LETTIS IN NEW YORK

THE actor Woody Harrelson was arrested and charged with drug cultivation after he planted four cannabis seeds in a political protest.

Mr Harrelson, who starred in *Natural Born Killers* and played a dim-witted barman in television's *Cheers*, was advocating the legalisation of hemp, the industrially useful plant, a variety of which produces marijuana. He was arrested in Beatyville, Kentucky, after telling police of his intentions and plans to stand trial amid as much publicity as he can muster.

Hemp is effectively banned in Kentucky and across America by a 1937 tax law which

reflected historical fears that farmers would harvest it not for industrial purposes but for the production of marijuana, which is made of dried hemp leaves and flowers.

Agricultural lobbyists have argued for a repeal of the law, saying that hemp is a productive and lucrative crop. It can be used in the production of paper, nappies, rope, carpet, oil and birdseed, among other things. It is grown legally in other countries, including Britain.

When Mr Harrelson was arrested he was wearing a shirt, hat and trousers made from hemp; it was, he said, an adaptable plant.

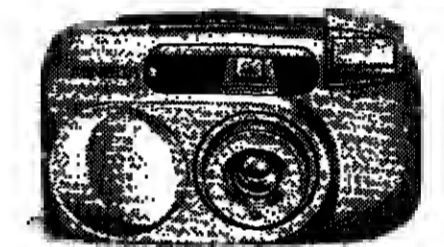


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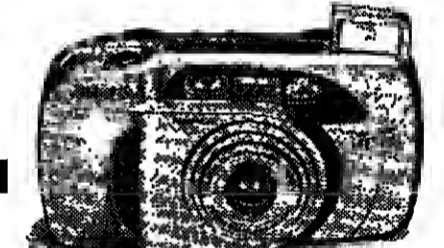
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How keyhole surgery is used on the gall bladder

Out of the stone age

IN THE Western world, one in five people over 65 has gallstones. Often stones cause no trouble, but sometimes they are associated with a chronically diseased gall bladder. A stone may become stuck in a duct leading from the gall bladder, where it causes pain — biliary colic — of increasing severity felt in the upper abdomen under the right ribs, and often in the back below the right shoulder blade. With the pain may come nausea and vomiting.

It is a comforting thought, therefore, that whisky and water in moderation reduces the chances of developing gallstones. However, this advantage can be offset if the spirits are diluted with sugary drinks. The sugar in bitter lemon, tonic etc upsets the delicate chemical balance that prevents stones forming in the bile.

It has also been suggested that gallstones are more likely to be found in people who have irregular meals. Regular eating stimulates the gall bladder to release its bile, preventing the conditions that favour stone formation.

When gallstones are associated with chronic infection of the gall bladder, cholecystitis, they frequently cause indigestion. This indigestion, brought on by eating, is usually described as upper abdominal pain associated with flatulence and nausea. The same symptoms can be brought on by many other conditions, but a painless ultrasound examination detects 95 per cent of gallstones. Stones may also become lodged in a duct, resulting in jaundice or

acute liver infection. The debate in the past about the treatment of gallstones centred on whether to remove the gall bladder. Now, discussion on gall bladder surgery revolves around the desirability of keyhole laparoscopic surgery. A report reproduced by the Royal College of Surgeons concluded that there was evidence that patients return to work earlier, have less post-operative pain and a very small scar after laparoscopic surgery, but that there was a greater risk of bile duct injury, which can have serious consequences.

Mr Brendan Devlin, the consultant surgeon, who is director of the Department of Epidemiology at the Royal College, says that gall-bladder surgery was changing even before laparoscopic surgery was introduced. The three-to-four-inch incision for the operation which divided muscles and nerves, and caused much post-operative pain, has now been replaced by mini-laparotomy. In the modern operation the use of specially designed instruments allows the muscles and nerves to remain intact, reducing post-operative complications.

Mr James Wellwood, a surgeon at Whipps Cross Hospital, east London, who is an expert in laparoscopic surgery for gall bladder disease, has written in the journal *Monitor* that 80 per cent of his patients who have minimally invasive surgery leave hospital the day after the surgery, and are back at work in a fortnight.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



Media leader: Anna Wintour, the Editor of *Vogue*

Britons who matter in Manhattan

After years of drift, British accents are being heard in the smart corners of New York once more.

At the start of the Eighties, to be British here was to be a curiosity. By 1990 things had soured to the point where we were openly disliked, perhaps in return for the silly anti-Americanism of some of the British press in the Eighties, perhaps because liberal New Yorkers were slightly scared of Margaret Thatcher.

Now it is all right again to say "tom-ah-to". Culturally we are "boxing above our weight", as Douglas Hurd might put it, and discreet plans are being made for a "Brits Salute New York" festival. It is being organised by Sir Tim Bell's Manhattan associate, Alan Capper.



One reason for the British revival is the domination of New York magazines by British women. There is Liz Tiberis at *Harper's Bazaar*, Tina Brown at the *New Yorker*, Anna Wintour at *Vogue* and, coming shortly, Glenda Bailey at *Marie Claire*, editors with imperious airs and budgets to match Third World banks. Add a pair of trousers to that lot and you get James Truman, a former British rock music writer who doesn't get much sleep and is delectably pale, but who was appointed by the mighty S. J. Newhouse to be editorial director of Condé Nast magazines. In a media town like New York, that is similar to being king in Tonga. Wherever Truman goes he is surrounded by grunting sycophants, jesters, food tasters and tribal loveies.

Brown has been particularly good to the Brits. Her pages resound to names such as Kenneth Branagh, Tony Blair and Martin Amis, and when the Royal Shakespeare Company was on Broadway recently she gave them a grand lunch. This sort of pomp has been vital in reminding New Yorkers that, besides Israel, there is still a world worth looking at east of the Statue of Liberty. She may currently be too leggy to be a Dame, but Brown deserves a gong.

Wall Street is another Brit-rich zone. Top of the pile is Consett-born Deryck Maughan, chairman and chief executive of Salomon Brothers. The vast securities house was in trouble before Maughan was appointed in 1991 to replace mercurial John Gutfreund. Things were not easy at first for Maughan and his Hawaiian wife, Vaouia, but they have overcome local envious.

James Grant, of Morgan Guaranty, brother of actor Hugh, is regarded by contemporaries as one of the rising names in finance. "Better looking than Hugh — and a better actor!" says a friend. Another fizzer is Piers Playfair, son of the late stage historian Giles Playfair and himself potentially one of the richest players downtown. Playfair has set up a much coveted South American hedge fund worth some \$400 million. When he talks about money he blinks with pleasure. If Hugh Grant comes through town he is regarded as "Jamie's little brother".

People know the former Tory Cabinet minister Lord Gilmour as "Andrew's dad" when he swings by. Andrew Gilmour, by day, is a rising political adviser in the United Nations secretariat, working below another Brit, Under-Secretary-General Murrack Goulding. By night, Gilmour and his wife Emma sweep through the smart parties in Greenwich Village. In the same salons you find Jo Colman, one of the Norwich mustard Colmans. Colman has adapted easily to the New York life, weekending in the Catskill Mountains by winter and in the Hamptons by summer.

Brits who have found the right mixture of informality and ambition range from the big, bustling media executive Howard Stringer — incorrigibly cheerful and Welsh — to the superwif Kate Moss. There is John Tugwell, Nat West banker and generous backer of public universities in New Jersey, there is the former JP Morgan chief executive Sir Dennis Weatherstone, and there is redheaded, cool-headed Anthony Talbot at Cazenove, the British stockbroker.

If intellect is your thing, take Thatcher's confidant John O'Sullivan, editing the irrepressible *National Review*. At the other end of town, political, is that highly charged British class warrior and historian David Cannadine, teaching at Columbia. Tradition is represented by

Sir Winston Churchill's granddaughter Edwina Sandys, a successful sculptress, and by Viscount Margesson, son of Churchill's Chief Whip. The septuagenarian Lord M rides into town by bus from his lovely upstate home and earns useful pocket money doing radio advertisement voiceovers. In life's club lounge, meanwhile, is the debonair James Sherwin, late of the Savoy and now running Manhattan's best hotel, the Carlyle (it is the Princess of Wales's favourite). In the same part of the Upper East Side are thirtysomething spinsters Ghislaine Maxwell and Lucy Clive, breaking hearts for England.

You will not find British expats marching on Congress or practising *omerta* or plotting mutual advancement in the bagel shop queue. They are quite unlike any other ethnic group. There is no St George's Day march down Fifth Avenue nor British anti-defama-



Brown: helped revival



Truman: ex-music writer



Maxwell: breaking hearts

don group, partly because they might consider it vulgar, but more likely because they are all too hard at work, making money.

If a Manhattan Henry Higgins were to give advice to an incoming Brit, he would counsel arrivals to discard the old school tie but polish the accent. A short burst of the Queen's English still works wonders. Do not tell jokes against yourself — the Americans really do value self-esteem. Nor should you try the loud effing and blinding which is thought amusing in British upper-middle circles. Beware of overdoing it on the liquid intake front, too. New Yorkers get a little frenetic if you ask for a third drink.

Last: practise your self-advancement techniques. There used to be a story about two Englishmen on the desert island who never exchange a word because, well, they have not been introduced. In this town, kiddo, you have to march down the beach and say "hi" for yourself. In Manhattan you don't inherit your name. You make it.

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Tory MP and the new bonkbuster

Phillip Oppenheim is credited with introducing the MP Rod Richards to divorcee Julia Felthouse. Alice Thomson met him

The young minister with the piercing blue eyes stood outside his Gloucestershire farmhouse in his faded Fred Perry T-shirt, his blond hair ruffled by the wind and his strong jawline shown to advantage as he called his dog to heel. His muscles were taut after a hard day's work in the fields. He frowned slightly as he remembered that soon he would have to tackle his red boxes.

Phillip Oppenheim could be the hero of his forthcoming bonkbuster novel as, barefoot, he leads the way across the flagstones to his country kitchen where he has made scones and jam for tea.

Mr Oppenheim, readers of the Sunday newspapers may recall, is the MP who introduced his friend Rod Richards, the Welsh Office minister, to divorcee Julia Felthouse, setting in train the affair which has now forced Mr Richards to resign.

Born with the sapphire spoon of Conservative aristocracy firmly clenched between his perfect teeth, Phillip is the only son of the glamorous former minister Lady Oppenheim, and became an MP at the tender age of 27.

He has been voted most romantic MP of the year, went to Harrow and Oxford, is a superb sportsman and could play chess with Kasparov. He also has a substantial stash of money, having set up a successful publishing company in his early twenties. At first glance, Mr Oppenheim seems the dream of every unattached Commons secretary.

So why should this Tory wunderkind risk his career by writing a lightweight, heavy-breathing, lowbrow Westminster bonkbuster? Wouldn't a serious tome about Japanese competitiveness, for instance, have been more appropriate?

In fact, Mr Oppenheim has already written a heavy volume on the emerging Asian tigers. The origins of his new work lie on the flip side of his political persona.

The 40-year-old minister is also a new blue lad, a Tory yob, a heckler from the backbenches, a rantier from the front — and a chaser of Tory skirts, whose antics with a Page Three girl landed him in the tabloids, although his bachelor status made all that totally legitimate.

It only takes minutes at the farmhouse to discover that he is no stiff-upper-lipped pillar of respectability. His mongrel

dog is called Vomit rather than Victory. He keeps stacks of Aramis aftershave rather than wellies in his downstairs lavatory, and he has a pin-up of a girl on the fridge.

As we sit by the fire, it is obvious he enjoys gossip and raucous stories as much as discussing the intricacies of his job at Trade and Industry. He or his friends have tried out all the chat-up lines (and the bars) in the book and he claims they work. He offers an example: "Remember my name, you'll be whispering it later."

Sex, drugs, booze, blackmail

He or his friends have tried out all the chat-up lines (and all the bars) in the book, and he claims they work

and baboons: his novel, *On the Floor*, has everything apart from romance. "I've never been very good at that one. My idea of romancing a girl is definitely a film and a pizza," he says.

At one stage in the novel, a cannabis-smoking Tory MP gets stuck up a tree in Zimbabwe, and is apparently unable to return for a crunch Commons vote. Then there is the drunken Tory backbencher who celebrates a libel win by having sex in handcuffs.

Of course, there are several gorgeous, pouting women in the book. His character Alex Lyzard, a journalist — the names leave nothing to the imagination — spends more time on the floor with MPs' secretaries than on the floor of the House, gathering information. "The women are the kind I fancy: intelligent career-women, gutsy but sensitive with long legs," he says. One of them is a *Times* political reporter (there are only two of us in the Commons) who is having an affair with a minister. But Mr Oppenheim reassures me: "The characters are all composites inspired by more than one person, a mish-mash with twists added from my own imagination. If you're very



Phillip Oppenheim: "I have no illusions about being a Cabinet minister. You can't have any private life. You have to be so boring. I would rather be a jack of all trades"

lucky," he adds, "I can always add you in."

Only a few real-life characters enter the book, but what will Mr Heseltine think of being described as looking like the last hand-dresser to leave the Streatham Locarno as the lights are turned off?

"Although my book has been trailed as a raunchy bonkbuster, sadly it is not. I would have to tax myself too much," he says modestly.

"This is a slightly satirical comedy of manners. Where most political novels make out Westminster is glamorous, mine is about the seedier end, and is more realistic. It shows that politics works more by cock-ups than conspiracy and tries to highlight the emptiness of much political debate at the moment."

Mr Oppenheim claims that telling it as it is will go down well with his political masters. "Heseltine has a very good sense of humour. I also showed the book to a senior whip who gave me advice on antics in the Whips' Office. The tale is not particularly anti-Government. I would love John Major to read it."

On the Floor has not been



Julia Felthouse and Welsh Office minister Rod Richards (right, canvassing); Phillip Oppenheim brought them together

written for the money alone. Mr Oppenheim has literary ambitions, and is taking his new vocation as seriously as his political conquests. "I wanted to create three-dimensional, interesting characters and raise serious issues in an amusing way," he says. "I love writing."

He started this novel during the *Maasrichi* debate, tapping away on his computer

late at night while waiting to follow the Government's forces through the lobbies. He has devoted all his holidays over the past year to polishing the would-be masterpiece.

"Trade in Japan was a piece of cake compared to this," he explains. Agents haggled over the result and the book is going to auction this week. It should be published by the end of the year.



Mr Oppenheim has a majority of only 712 in his coal-mining Amber Valley constituency, and cannot be too optimistic about his chances of retaining his seat at the next election. So would he mind being remembered more for his twin reputations as a lothario and a literary lion, than for his dynamic style at the dispatch box?

"At the end of the day,

however good you are in the House, you are forgotten by the next election," he says. "Also I have no illusions about being a Cabinet minister. You get no time off at all and can't have any private life. You have to be so boring. I would rather be a jack of all trades."

But ask him whether he would prefer to be Kenneth Clarke, his former boss, or Jeffrey Archer, and there is a long pause. "I'd love to end up with Jeffrey Archer's lifestyle, but I'd prefer to be Kenneth Clarke. He is a wonderful man, a real lad who can drink a beer, but is extremely intelligent and he has stuck to his principles and really made a difference to this country."

If Mr Oppenheim's gamble pays off he will have made some money and raised his profile as a talented all-rounder by the 21st century. He will then be well placed to be returned to the Commons by blue-rinsed literary enthusiasts, having probably missed five miserable years in Opposition. After all, Douglas Hurd did no harm to his reputation by writing thrillers when a middle-ranking minister.

But he may have got it wrong. In five years' time, Mr Oppenheim will be 45. That blond hair will be a little thinner, that jawline a little flabbier, those chat-up lines a little more tired, and the book a little too raunchy. He will see his young colleagues, such as William Hague, strutting the political stage, and he might wish that he had become a boring Cabinet minister rather than a dashing new lad.

Who's afraid of an under-ten?

Jack Straw has had a bizarre vision of Britain. Just as John Major envisaged a Britain of 1950s values, cricket and warm beer, so the Shadow Home Secretary has tuned into his own imaginary society. For when was the last time you saw an eight-year-old boy being chased down a city street by a policeman?

Remember? The copper was wearing huge shoes and a blue helmet, waving a truncheon and shouting: "Ho! stop there! But Dennis the Menace ran on, with a wink and a thumbs-up to readers.

Mr Straw's proposed curfew for the under-tens, however, is intended for the comic's readers, not its characters. And on the very real streets of east London this week the martial law for minors is being met with derision.

"Nine o'clock is he nuts?" laughs Jaynee Milton, who is with her sons Paul, ten, and Gary, eight. "I have the kids in by seven every night — for their own safety, not anyone

Giles Coren finds Labour's proposed curfew for children provokes derision among East End parents

else's. It's the teenagers you want to watch. They're bullying the children and stealing their money — it happened to you didn't it, Paul?"

Paul nods. "They don't care about the police anyway," he says. "They're not afraid of anyone."

But it is not them that Mr Straw is after. When the curfew was first mooted it seemed to echo measures taken against under-17s in America. But Mr Straw has made it clear he is after an even younger group of hoodlums.

"I can see his point," says Eileen Moss, a 53-year-old widow who is bringing up her grandchildren, aged seven and ten. "But it is sad that he thinks you need the police. I've been on this estate 40 years, and when my daughter was a little girl there were caretakers in all the blocks.

'Once you have a situation where a couple don't give a toss where their child is, then that kid is lost for ever'

They used to send all the kids home, and give them a clip round the earhole if they made trouble. But the police? That's a bit heavy, isn't it?" It does seem to be, considering that the age of juvenile responsibility for crime is 10 to 17. The Home Office does not even have statistics for disturbances caused by children

younger than that. "It's because they can't catch the proper hooligans that they want to go after the babies," says publican Geoff Cates, whose nine-year-old daughter is playing with some friends behind the pub. "I have Cindy indoors, at least in the pub, by eight o'clock in the summer. It's no good the police picking up a lad in the middle of the night and fining his parents. Once you have a situation where a couple don't give a toss where their child is, then that kid is lost for ever. He'll be the one slashing tyres in my car park, and stealing from the corner shop. If I see one of them I'll see to him myself, but if the police take him away, he's back next day. The law can't touch him."

"Yeah, the law can't do nothing," chuckles a boy who won't tell me how old he is, or his name. And if he won't tell

me, why should he tell a policeman? "I wouldn't. I'd pretend I was ten." Fooled him, but it is a hollow victory. "I don't do bad things anyway. I just stay out with my mates playing football. And if we break a window we run."

Hardly sounds like a case for the Sweeney. How late, exactly, do these felonious activities occur? "About eight o'clock. I'm not allowed out after that — if I'm late I get a slap, so it's not worth it."

Mrs Moss says: "I think Jack Straw is in a dream world if he thinks our problems are down to children under the age of ten. When I was a girl, over in Stepney, it was the parents used to go round and give the kids what for — but if I saw anyone talking to my two I'd have something to say to him. You never know, with all the pervers around. Things have changed. If you're going to have a curfew, it's the grown-ups you want inside."

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PUTTING BACK BARRIERS

Labour's curfew alerts us to the problem of public order

The call for a curfew from the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, is a valid response to a deterioration in public order. In many urban areas children are left unsupervised, simultaneously vulnerable and potentially disruptive. Anyone who doubts that the problem of delinquency has spread beyond teenagers should consider the recently recorded fourfold increase in the expulsion of disruptive pupils from primary schools. A curfew may be a blunt instrument, but before it is dismissed parents and policy-makers have a duty to consider what can be done to deal with a delicate problem.

Mr Straw has been at pains to stress that the curfew he proposes is very different from the more draconian measures entertained by President Clinton and American policy-makers who face a much more disturbing level of urban disorder. The Shadow Home Secretary wants to see bylaws introduced by local authorities on a pilot basis to ensure that children under 11 are not out, without a responsible figure, after nine o'clock in the evening. If successful in pilot areas, the scheme could be extended.

It would not be the only measure designed to improve the behaviour of young people. The Government would encourage efforts to educate parents on how better to discharge their responsibilities. Local authorities might wish to provide a broader range of activities for the young to ensure that idle hands are not drawn to mischief. These proposals will touch chords with voters who see too many children, deprived of adequate parenting and hostile to authority, drawn into antisocial behaviour.

Mr Straw's suggestions are not a panacea. Any code of parental conduct, however attractively framed or persuasively sold, will often miss those who need it most. Many of the young adults who conceive so carelessly and exercise such poor control at the moment are distrustful of authority and

unwilling to assert it. However, there are many parents of disruptive children who are anxious to impose discipline and might be grateful for any outside assistance. The more widely accepted, and practised, the disciplining of the wayward young becomes, the easier it will be for the uncertain parent to restore order within the family. In the past, the conductor might confront the child who swore on the bus while the policeman would feel the collar of the petty vandal. It is necessary, not nostalgic, to restore something of that culture.

A curfew could, in certain circumstances, play such a role. The legal age of consent helps parents to preach restraint, providing a powerful weapon to counter the peer pressure among children to experiment sexually. A local curfew might make it easier for parents to deny the noisy demands to be let out to join the gang. A curfew could also help to identify those parents unwilling to act responsibly and allow pressure to be applied to them not to neglect their children.

But before any measure might be put in place, legitimate concerns would have to be addressed. Senior police officers are sensitive to some of the practical problems, and may be wary about incurring resentment in ethnic minorities and reluctant to devote resources to rounding up children rather than pursuing adult criminals.

Moreover, whatever the merits of the curfew it can only be part of the cure, and attention needs to be paid to prevention. It is almost a truism to observe that the growth in delinquency has followed the decline in the number of children born into stable families, but if the causes of crime are to be tackled then that trend has to be addressed. For generations grown used to ever-greater personal freedom it is difficult to accept new limits to autonomy, but in trying to put back some barriers Mr Straw is only trying to protect the order on which liberty depends.

STILL THE GREAT SURVIVOR?

The Palestinian leader faces his most difficult challenge

Yassir Arafat could be forgiven for cursing his scheduling arrangements as he spoke last night. Following O. J. Simpson as a guest speaker at the Oxford Union Society was bad enough. However, matters were made much worse for the President of the Palestine National Authority (PNA) by the results of the Israeli elections. To be speaking of a Palestinian state in a city renowned as the home of lost causes must have seemed painfully appropriate.

However, it would be unwise to underestimate Mr Arafat or his capacity to meet political challenge. Not without good reason has he become known as the great survivor of the Middle East. For the last three decades the PLO has been under the dominance of the al-Fatah faction and hence Arafat. In the course of that time he has endured expulsion from Jordan in 1970, international reputation for his terrorist links, and a further humiliating exit from Lebanon in 1983 at the behest of the advancing Israeli Army.

Nonetheless, he continued and steered the PLO five years later to a renunciation of violence, limited acceptance of Israel, and thus enhanced international recognition. Despite a disastrous alliance with Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War, by 1993 Mr Arafat was on the White House lawn for the famous handshake with Yitzhak Rabin. He was received in Oxford as an elected democrat and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Despite this record he is now to encounter his stiffest test. The peace process had already run into trouble before polling day in Tel Aviv. Pressure from radical fundamentalists has badly strained relations with Israel. Suicide bombings forced even Shimon Peres to delay withdrawal of the Is-

raeli Army from Hebron and defer the "final status" discussions. The election of Benjamin Netanyahu represents a much greater threat as, if his previous statements represent policy, he would return Israeli security forces to areas previously vacated, resume a programme of settlement buildings, and block full statehood for the PNA. Were a Likud government to implement this programme it would amount to an unilateral renegotiation of the Oslo accords — terms which many Palestinians already regard as humiliating. It is hard to see how either the credibility of the Palestine National Authority or the PLO and Mr Arafat could survive the shock. Despite his continued personal popularity, and the belief on the streets that all Israeli leaders are the same, Hamas could be immensely strengthened.

Precisely these reasons can argue against pessimism. Mr Arafat may appear stuck between two sets of hawks, Islamic and Jewish, but he has the ability to play them off against each other. With the demise of Labour, he finds himself in the unusual position of de facto ally of the Americans. As so often before, long time opponents such as Mr Netanyahu face the dilemma that bringing Mr Arafat down might usher in something far worse. Likud may decide that, distasteful though it finds it, dealing with the PLO is better than engaging Hamas, Hezbollah or President Assad of Syria. The tone of both the new Israeli Prime Minister on Sunday and Mr Arafat last night left room for some sort of relationship between the two. The great survivor may yet come through this latest crisis in rather better shape than many predict. After all, Oxford is the home of dreams as well as lost causes.

FOOTBALL CRAZY

Sporting superstars need discipline off as well as on the pitch

Football is a violent game, more accurately described as a collision than a contact sport. Nobody expects the gladiators who play it at the highest level to be statesmen or saints, or even mythical Corinthians of the legendary old school, for whom playing up and playing the game was more important than winning. That is not what they are paid millions for. But the latest bad behaviour by the supposedly grown men of the England squad confirms a depressing image of English football after its age of innocence.

That impression is not so much of lions led by donkeys as of hippopotami managed by hypocrites. The extravagantly boozy and shirt-stripping 29th birthday party for Paul Gascoigne in a Hong Kong nightclub was worse than outrageous. It was idiotic, because it was in public and therefore photographed and sold to the newspapers, thus signalling a humiliating message to the millions for whom Gazza and his teammates are heroes. And it does not inspire confidence in England's discipline or fitness on the field a fortnight later in the most important football championships to be held in this country for 30 years. The drunken damage caused to the aircraft bringing them home was criminal and dangerous as well as appalling publicity for the English game.

But the timorous reaction by England's football authorities was far worse. Yesterday's fines came too little, too late, and too secretive in their bad-boy network. The refusal by Terry Venables to name the four players found chiefly respon-

sible for damaging the plane was not collective team responsibility but managerial cowardice. Who can doubt that the affair would have been trodden into the mud if Cathy Pacific had not claimed compensation for damage of £5,000 to its 747? If the offenders had been yobbish fans rather than yobbish megastars, they would have been taken to police cells at Heathrow without their studs touching the turf. If Euro 96 were not less than a week away, the culprits would have been sacked from the squad at once.

But as the ball bounced, Terry Venables acted late and so with apparent reluctance, by ruling out in advance the expulsion of anyone from the squad. A publicity agent's description of the team's behaviour as "mild high jinks" was an insult to youthful high spirits as well as a monstrous euphemism in a sport where euphemism is usually offside. Any player who misbehaved so wildly when Sir Alf Ramsey was manager would have been sent straight home. But nobody would have dared (or wanted) so to misbehave when wearing an England blazer.

Gazza and the rest have a chance starting on Saturday to redeem their professional reputations in the historic national arenas. English football is still admired by millions around the world for its determination, hardness and professionalism. But when Glenn Hoddle takes over as manager after Euro 96, the footballing authorities and their young men need to rediscover equally important old English virtues of discipline, modesty and common sense.

Recognition of the Sinn Fein vote

From Mr Chris Ryder

Sir, The May 30 election has again clearly demonstrated that the population of Northern Ireland remains fundamentally divided between a clear majority and a substantial minority.

As both these positions are equally valid and historically justified, any solution to the problem cannot be built on the exclusively Unionist foundation you so mistakenly promote (leading article, June 1). What you should be encouraging is a climate where reconciliation can flourish, so that a new political order, based on principles of equality, plurality, consent and co-operation, will emerge.

It is therefore imperative that all factions are included in the coming negotiations and that, as both governments have promised, referendums are ultimately conducted so that all the people of Ireland can ratify what has been agreed in their name.

Britain has long shouldered the political and financial burden of Northern Ireland alone. Successive British-Irish accords, with the material support of both the United States and the European Union, are progressively transferring some of the load to the Irish Republic. That process, leading to eventual joint responsibility for client communities in Northern Ireland, should continue and be encouraged.

For it to succeed, Republicans and others must, of course, terminally renounce violence, accept the need for consent and update their outdated political agenda from the 1920s. There will be no way ahead, other than more necessary bloodshed, if, as you advocate, the process of bringing the IRA/Sinn Fein into the dialogue is halted. However unpalatable the strength of their vote, and what they stand for, their mandate must be recognised.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS RYDER,
79 Springfield Road,
Portlaoine, County Down,
June 1.

V&A extension

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Whether the design by Daniel Libeskind for the proposed extension to the Victoria & Albert Museum (report and photograph, May 18; letters, May 24) goes through or not, I hope we are not to be treated yet again to some tame compromise that, by and large, prevents us ever taking our place at the cutting edge of design. Inventiveness, excitement and aesthetic risk-taking are not enough in themselves, but without them much of architectural merit is lost.

I have always believed that in most cases important works of different periods and in another genre may sit well together and complement one another. It seems to work well in other areas of the fine arts, and painters as diverse as Rembrandt and Picasso may have their work juxtaposed to good effect and to their mutual advantage.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PITTUCK,
Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire,
May 24.

From Mr Charles Morris

Sir, Owen Luder, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, asks why the proposed jumble of forms for the V&A extension should not contrast as successfully with the present museum as does the Brompton Oratory on its other side.

I say that the Oratory (along with the Louvre pyramid) represents order and the proposed extension represents disorder. It is in the nature of our condition that disorder is never comfortable to live with, even if we can stand it for a brief interlude.

Yours faithfully,
C. B. MORRIS,
Paperhouse, West Harling, Norfolk,
May 29.

Shopping headache

From General Sir Jon Gourlay

Sir, It is not that I am wholly untutored in the ways of supermarkets. These days I get quite a lot of practice with my trolley, as I weave hopelessly around the display racks tracking down the things I am looking for. But things are not made easier for learners like me by the frequency with which these huge stores change things around. Is it not a time that shoppers were afforded a key-in computer display, say at the supermarket entrance, giving instant guidance as to the current location of the goods on offer?

Last week I was after some aspirin. I could not find it anywhere. I inquired finally of a helpful young lady at a vacant till as to whether the store stocked it. "Oh, yes," she said, "you'll find it over there. You know... where the nappies are."

Of course, I should have guessed.

Yours sincerely,
IAN GOURLAY,
48 Hyde Vale, Greenwich, SE16,
May 27.

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Eastern expansion of Nato alliance

From the Director of the Atlantic Council

Sir, Dr Jonathan Eyal's analysis is right ("Why Nato must enlarge eastwards", letter, May 28; see also letters, May 16, 23) but his conclusion is wrong. The choice is not a Russian-German arrangement to "pacify" Central and Eastern Europe, but between an expanded Nato to include Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia (plus possibly the Baltic States) and an historic Nato-Russian agreement to secure and underpin the independence of the Eastern European countries, with the integration of the Central European powers into the West.

Enlargement should be regarded as a source of strength rather than a complicating factor in Nato's decision-making process, provided membership is open to those states which have committed themselves to democracy and are prepared to accept the obligations as well as the benefits of membership.

It is feasible to envisage the Central European countries joining the EU and Nato within the next five years. It is equally feasible that Nato and Russia can agree to a unique and positive strategic relationship negotiated within the framework of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation.

For those countries that are not invited or who are unwilling to join Nato there are the Partnership For Peace arrangements, whose rationale is to give such partner a specially crafted co-operation programme to suit its own needs, including the right of consultation in the event of a major external security threat to its vital national interests.

The Atlantic Council does not believe that Nato's expansion threatens Russia. We support the Declaration of Prague (report, May 13, and leading article, May 14) which declares "There

is no objective reason for great-power conflict in Europe — provided that the outcome of 1989 is accepted as irreversible: namely, that the new democracies are sovereign, independent and free to exercise their choice of association". Therefore it is not a matter of bringing the Nato front line forward in order to prepare for a major war in Europe, more of providing stability and safeguarding the newly won freedom of those countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN LEE WILLIAMS, Director,
The Atlantic Council,
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8A Lower Grosvenor Place, SW1,
May 28.

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeeoch

Sir, As a member of the Royal United Services Institute I wish to distance myself from the views expressed by our Director of Studies, Dr Jonathan Eyal. Nato was formed, as its first secretary-general, Lord Ismay, is said (perhaps apocryphally) to have remarked, "to keep the Americans in, the Russians out, and the Germans down". It has succeeded, proving that the North Atlantic could unite as well as divide — politically, economically and for defence.

Rather than destroy Nato by over-extending it, let its members reinforce success by seeking to promote (with the help of the new Russia, its associated states and Poland) the formation of a Danube Treaty Organisation (Dato) by the states of central and south eastern Europe, to fill, at last, the vacuum left by the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Yours truly,
IAN MCGEOCH,
Kirk Deighton House,
Kirk Deighton, Wetherby, Yorkshire,
May 29.

Witness support

From the President of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

Sir, Margaret McAllister (letter, May 30) is quite right about the need for expert witnesses in trials to receive specific training.

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers encourages its members to use experts who have been seen in action in court. It is one thing to prepare reports for cases, but quite another to give evidence in the witness box. We would hope that all professional organisations would follow the example of the British Psychological Society and train experts and we have been working with the Association of British Insurers to that end.

If Lord Woolf's proposed reforms of the civil justice system are implemented, the way in which an expert's evidence is presented will become even more important, as cases will be limited to three hours in some instances. Experts will need to identify the crucial points of evidence and present them in a succinct manner. It is also important that they clearly understand their role, which is to provide independent evidence for the court.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE HARMER,
President,
The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers,
33 Pilcher Gate, Nottingham,
June 1.

Sounds of Thuringia

From Dr Ralph Kohn

Sir, In your supplement of May 31, "Passport to Germany", your reporter extols the virtues of a visit to Thuringia and mentions some of the outstanding figures from the past who had an association with the region, including the composers Liszt and Wagner. I was amazed that the name Johann Sebastian Bach was omitted from this list.

Not only was J. S. Bach born in Thuringia (Eisenach) but the whole province is littered with Bach houses, museums and memorials. The Bach family provided Thuringia with many generations of outstanding composers, organists and other instrumentalists.

Yours sincerely,
RALPH KOHN,
14 Harley Street, W1,
June 3.

Frogspawn blight

From Mr H. S. McPherson

Sir, Could it not be that the blighted frogspawn noted by your correspondent in the West Highlands (letter, May 28; see also letter, May 31) was infertile and growing a fungus because of staleness. Such spawn would remain long after the normal healthy fertile spawn had hatched and disappeared. The commonest cause of infertile frogspawn in our local ponds is a shortage of males, who we think fall victim to the numerous herons who visit at frog-mating time.

Where spawn has been caught in ice, only a few segments on the top seem to be affected. These frozen eggs or embryos may go white but the jelly just crumbles away.

Yours faithfully,
H. S. MCPHERSON,
Holme End, Rimington,
Clitheroe, Lancashire,
June 3.

Helpless patients and the law courts

From Lord Ashbourne and Lord Craigmyle

Sir, The death on May 31 in a Scottish hospital of a brain-damaged woman diagnosed as having been in a persistent vegetative state for four years comes as a painful reminder of the fact that the courts are making life and death decisions on patients in helpless states.

Some cases have been misdiagnosed. Patients allegedly unaware are recovering and recounting the deliberations about ending their lives. There are examples of patients "locked in" by brain damage and unable to communicate, except when particularly alert or knowledgeable medical experts know which slight signs to look for. These may reveal unexpected consciousness.

More recently an Australian scientist, Dr Peter McCullagh, summarising over three decades of animal and human research, has raised the possibility that they may suffer the pangs of thirst whilst unable to communicate their feelings (letter, May 16).

All these difficulties which continue to arise place the legal system in an increasingly awkward situation. It is time for Parliament to assert its responsibility and legislate for the protection of persons who may, against all expectations, retain sentience. Where there is the possibility of suffering being unwittingly inflicted the courts should be guided by statute.

Yours faithfully,
ASHBOURNE,
CRAIGMYLE,
House of Lords,
June 2.

Living wills

From Mr Allan Levy, QC

Sir, Mr James Bogle (letter, May 29) is too sweeping in his view that advance statements are not currently binding in law. The Court of Appeal case of *Re T* in 1992 made it clear that an anticipatory refusal of treatment will be valid legally if (a) the person was competent at the time the decision was made; (b) was sufficiently informed; (c) was free from undue influence from anyone; and (d) it was intended that the refusal should apply in the circumstances which later arise.

Lords Keith, Goff and Mustill confirmed the position when they decided in the case of the persistent-vegetative-state patient, Tony Bland, in 1993.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN LEVY,
17 Bedford Row, WCI,
May 29.

From Lady Engle

Sir, Mr Bogle says that living wills are perhaps signed by people years earlier, but everyone is now advised to update their living will annually.

"Only the contemporaneous consent or refusal of a patient is binding", Mr Bogle argues. I thought the whole point of my living will is that it should come into effect when I am no longer able to consent to or refuse the proposed treatment.

Yours sincerely,
IRENE ENGLE,
32 Wood Lane, Highgate, N6,
May 29.

Railway buffet

From Mr Gareth David

Sir, Your excellent report on the sensitive way in which South West Trains has axed buffet cars from our peak-time services on the London Waterloo — Portsmouth route (June 1) raises a broader question over the value or otherwise of the Citizen's Charter initiative and South West Trains' own Passengers' Charter in particular.

On page two of the SWT Passengers' Charter, the company specifically undertakes to "seek passengers' views on how we are performing and how our service can be improved". The next clause states that SWT will "keep passengers informed of new developments and their implications".

Could these words possibly have been published by the same company which had not apparently even formally told its own on-train staff that these buffets were to be axed on the day before it actually happened? If charter initiatives are anything more than a cynical public relations exercise, then surely this must open the way for a legal examination of the action being taken by SWT?

Yours faithfully,
GARETH DAVID,
Uplands,
Old Haslemere Road,
Haslemere, Surrey,
June 3.

So now we know

From Mr Keith Bush

Sir, You report (June 3) David Evans, MP, a member of the executive of the 1922 Committee, as saying that ministers of the Crown "wear an England shirt". Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will note that a widely held belief has now been confirmed authoritatively.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH BUSH,
64 St Michael's Road,
Llandaf, Cardiff,
June 3.

Millennium wheel

From Mr Nigel Fenner-Fownes

Sir, I despair for our sanity when I read an eminent person (Sir Richard Rogers's letter, May 27) advocating the construction of a Ferris wheel adjacent to the Thames. As a Londoner I would like to see a really worthwhile project instigated; namely, to get one of the greatest rivers in Europe used as a form of transport. Such a project would transform the capital. Surely that would be a worthy and much-needed accomplishment for the next millennium?

Wheels merely go round and round in circles, somewhat reminiscent of our current traffic problem.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL FENNER-FOWNES,
8 Inverness Gardens,
Vicarage Gate, W8,
May 27.

From Mr Henry Lessore

Sir, It seems inescapable that if Sir Richard Rogers, rising slowly to the top of his Ferris wheel, sees Trafalgar Square, the great green parks, and so on, we, in these places, and in many others, will be able to see him; and some of us are not sure that this is what we want.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY LESSORE,
11 Peanman Street, SE1,
May 28.

War-time sovereigns

From Mr Gordon Fenwick

Sir, It is interesting to note from your report of May 29 (later editions), "Gulf War sovereigns for sale", the way in which currency values change from one war to another.

In the Second World War in South East Asia RAF aircrew were supplied with money belts, but in their case the "escape money" consisted of florins. However, all the coinage supplied was that of King George V as the natives of those areas were wise to its true value; similar coinage of King George VI was unacceptable there, due to its debased silver content.

Similarly "reward chits" for the safe return of aircrew emphasised that payment would be in King George V silver.

Yours etc,
GORDON FENWICK,
RAF Intelligence Officer,
SEAC, 1942-49,
Tree Tops, Helford, Cornwall

Tories and Christianity

From Mr Tom Rees Jones

Sir, The Bishop of Willesden (letter, May 31) is indeed bold when he ventures to predict the political views of Jesus Christ.

I think we are on safer ground when we examine the behaviour of the good Samaritan. When the state functionaries passed by the unfortunate victim the Samaritan realised that he had an individual responsibility for the welfare of his fellow citizens. Being a conservatively-minded person he had money and oil and wine of his own to give — and he gave it. He did not give away other people's.

Jesus apparently approved. He told his listeners to go and do likewise.

Yours faithfully,
TOM REES JONES,
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June 1.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET RAWLINGS

Margaret Rawlings, actress, died on May 19 aged 89. She was born on June 5, 1906.

MARGARET RAWLINGS was an often remarkable and always fastidious actress who, in later life, seldom found the parts for which she was so richly qualified.

First, though, she was a dramatic player in a manner now unusual. Not beautiful in the classical sense, she was exceedingly attractive, slender, dark-haired, and with a responsive contralto voice which she never afraid to exploit.

Born in Osaka, Japan, she was the daughter of a missionary, the Rev George Rawlings, and his wife Lilian. She acquired from her mother the habit of speaking poetry naturally, for pleasure, as she was going about the house.

She won a state scholarship to read French at Lady Margaret Hall, but left abruptly after a year. The authorities had refused her permission to act in John Massiefield's amateur group 'Quite rightly', she later admitted.

Rawlings toured with the Macdonna Players, an earnest, if frequently over-weighted company devoted to Shaw. She made ends meet when she was resting by working as an artist's model, and for Vogue and Horpops.

Rawlings' first London parts were unexciting until 1931 she had the good fortune to play — with full romantic drive — Bianca in Clifford Brax's Renaissance portrait-play, The



Venetian. She was later to play the same part in New York. When she returned she captured critical attention as Salomé, in Oscar Wilde's fuscious tragedy, at the Gate; and then had a long Australasian tour as, most notably, Elizabeth in The Barretts of Wimpole Street.

In London in the autumn of 1933 she played Mary Finon in This Side of Paradise, a better piece of theatre than its brief life suggested; and immediately afterwards she had the dangerous challenge (she survived it) of acting with the queen of disciplined technicians, Marie Tempest, in H. M. Harwood's comedy, The Old Folks of Home.

Critically praised though she was, she still lacked a West End part to make her generally known. Josephine in Napoleon (1934) was not transferred from the Embassy; and a role as one of a brassy trio of American gold-diggers in a shallow comedy, The Greeks Had a Word for It (Duke of York's, November 1934), hardly extended her. For two months she rejoined the Macdonna company during a West End season, as Ann (Mon and Superman) and Eliza Doolittle (Pygmalion). But by the middle of the decade, at first on Broadway and then at a London club theatre, she had brought her instinctive, unstrained emotion and her black velvet voice to Katie O'Shea in Elsie Schauflyer's Parnell.

During November 1936, the ban on its English public performance with-

drawn, the production finally came to the New Theatre; Margaret Rawlings had partially rewritten the text in order to enable it to be licensed. Before the transfer she had the tantalising experience of playing (also at the New) Shakespeare's Charmian to the Cleopatra of a nearly unintelligible Russian commedienne. She carried the house with her in the few lines of her final lament.

She had a popular West End success (1937) with the parts of a murderer's victim and the wife who accused him in a rather cheap drama, Black Lime-light. Her real triumph came during the autumn of 1938 in Charles Morgan's The Flashing Stream, studying the single-mindedness of genius and love. As a woman mathematician sent to a naval experimental station on an Atlantic island, she partnered Godfrey Tearle — matching his performance, James Agate said, with "a lovely sweep of passion in all its manifestations — physical, spiritual, maternal: not a word wrong, not a movement out of place". Shaw's Eliza Doolittle followed again, and an affecting Mrs Dearth in the long-running Dear Brutus with John Gielgud (Globe, 1941-42).

Rawlings had married the actor Gabriel Byrne in 1927. Their marriage was dissolved in 1938 and four years later she married Robert Barlow, the founder of the Metal Box Company. Transiently she left the stage — the demands of a husband and young daughter took precedence over her

career. But at length she was Titania in The Fairy Queen (the masque, with Purcell's music, at Covent Garden, 1946-47); and, more taxingly, Victoria in Webster's The White Devil (Duchess). There, without deliberately seeking the grand manner, she reached high passion.

From her other work, particularly worthy of note were an unremittingly intense Lady Macbeth (Arts, 1950 — she had played the part with the OUDS 15 years earlier; Zabina in Tamburlaine (Old Vic, 1951); the loyal Powermistress-General in The Apple Cart with Noel Coward (Haymarket, 1953); Pauline (The Winter's Tale, Old Vic, 1956); Ella Rentheim in a not very happy John Gabriel Borkman (Duchess, 1963); and Giza in the Hungarian Cotsplay (Greenwich, 1973).

But her finest achievement as an older woman, one which brought her right back into critical acclaim, and for which she won rave reviews, was her portrait of the Empress Eugénie, Napoleon III's wife, who had escaped to England after the Franco-Prussian War. Margaret Rawlings acted her in two London theatres (1979), at the King's Lynn Festival (1980) and at Cologne and the Pidochry Festival (1981). It was a colossal feat of memorising and an act of great courage for a woman who was beginning to worry about losing her memory. She had no cause for concern. On the night, this did not let her down.

Rawlings had appeared in the title part of Racine's Phèdre at the Arts, Cambridge, in 1963. She later worked on her own translation of this play (the 19th-century version overflowed with many now unintentionally comic couplets) and this was later published. Her films included Roman Holiday (1953), and she appeared in television and often on radio.

Margaret Rawlings was known in the profession simply as "Rawlings" to distinguish her from all the other Margarets. When her husband was knighted in 1943 she pretended not to be thrilled: "The cruellest thing for a professional woman is for her husband to be given a knighthood. I told him it was an awful dirty trick to play on Rawlings."

She continued to work until almost the end, mostly charitable work for the theatre and for Equity — she and Marius Goring were the only two founder members still alive during the 1980s.

She enjoyed her celebrity status, and was interviewed on Desert Island Discs. The royalties for her school edition of Phèdre continued to roll in and her completed translation of the play had its first public performance at the Pearl Theatre in New York in 1993. Her husband, Sir Robert Barlow, died in 1976. She is survived by their daughter.

TERESA LADY ROTHSCHILD

Teresa Lady Rothschild, MBE, former MIS operative and widow of Lord (Victor) Rothschild, died on May 29 aged 80. She was born on September 10, 1915



ALTHOUGH possessed of a gemlike beauty and a limpid charm, Teresa Lady Rothschild was never deeply interested in the glittering beau monde which circled around the international banking dynasty into which she married. Coming from a Cambridge background, she felt more at ease with an intellectual rather than a social elite. Yet throughout her married life she put her somewhat volatile husband's interests before her own, graciously hosting his dinner parties and playing a calming and supportive role. Her own accomplishments and duties were pursued more quietly.

Teresa Georgina Mayor, as she was before her marriage, was the daughter of Robert Mayor, a great nephew of the philosopher John Grote and a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Three other of her ancestors were Fellows of St John's while her aunt Flora (F. M. Mayor) was a novelist — the author of The Rector's Daughter. Her mother, a playwright and part of the extended Bloomsbury circle, was a Meinerzhagen, descending from an old Hanseatic patrician family.

Teresa was educated at Bedales, one of the first co-educational schools, and in those days considered even more boldly progressive than it is now. There she became head girl before going on to win a place at Newnham College, Cambridge.

It was at university in the 1930s that she became a part of a left-wing circle of friends. She knew several members of the Apostles, the secret society which included among its number the young Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and Victor Rothschild, her future husband. Michael Straight, another member of the Apostles, and the man who many years later was to help to expose Blunt, remembered Teresa at that time as "a student of unearthly beauty — with the gaunt nobility of Yeats's beloved Maud Gonne, and some of Maud Gonne's cold fire".

However, Teresa seemed less seriously committed to Marxism than she was to the stage. She distinguished herself as an actress at a time when women had only just been invited to perform in the ADC and the Marlowe Society. She was seldom off the stage, it was said, even during her vacations and all her life she enjoyed recounting farcical tales of the trials and triumphs of those days. She was in later years to become a trustee of the Arts Theatre in Cambridge, and up until the end of her life she made an annual visit to Stratford to see the Royal Shakespeare Company.

On leaving university Teresa worked for a short while for the publishing house Jonathan Cape. She kept up with her left-wing circle of friends and in the early years of the Second World War she found herself resident for a while in a flat at 5 Bentinck Street, leased to Guy Burgess by Victor Rothschild. This flat was a gathering point of intellectual and social revolution, drawing the last dregs from their rapidly vanishing world of life.

Teresa was recruited by MIS. She worked as an assistant to Victor Rothschild, and was particularly involved in doing analytical work on anti-sabotage operations. As a member of a counter-intelligence group she entered Paris with the Allied Forces after the liberation. She was appointed MBE in 1945 in recognition of her valour for throwing an unexploded bomb which had been hidden in a crate of onions off a bridge.

After the war she worked for a short while as an assistant to Philip Noel-Baker in his capacity as Minister of State at the Foreign Office with responsibility for the United Nations. In 1946 she married Victor Rothschild — his first marriage had ended in divorce — and together they returned to Cambridge. This city had always been the focal point of her life and there she fitted herself to her social duties with a calm seriousness. She served as a JP and a chairman of the bench and lectured at the Institute of Criminology as well as sitting on Home Office boards which dealt with penal reform. But it was her husband, children — who remained at the centre of her life.

Her husband predeceased her in 1990. She is survived by two daughters, both of whom have pursued academic careers, and a son who has entered the Rothschild firm. There was another son who died young.

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LEON GARFIELD

Leon Garfield, children's author, died on June 2 aged 74. He was born on July 14, 1921.



IN 1992, when the first animated, half-hour version of A Midsummer Night's Dream was shown on BBC2, there was general consternation among Shakespearean purists. The havoc that would be wreaked upon the original text to compress it to the necessary length was barely imaginable. The author in charge of reducing Shakespeare's matchless couplets for the Russian animators was Leon Garfield. He had never scripted anything in his life, but he was fired with enthusiasm to bring Shakespeare to the small screen.

A Midsummer Night's Dream was the first of six Shakespearean adaptations for children. But they were such a success that, on completion, BBC2 scheduled them for an evening slot, assured that adults would find them equally stimulating. Leon Garfield was the most admired writer for older children of his generation. He was a master storyteller, with a light, deliciously witty prose style. He could relax into comedy and occasionally extravagant description, as when he wrote in The Sound of Coaches (1974): "July came in like a dirty great kitchen maid slamming clouds and spilling water everywhere."

He was a master of the historical narrative, particu-

larly of the 18th century, and his marvellously detailed knowledge of social customs in bygone days shone through every story. Garfield described a London still echoing with the raucous cries of watermen, cobblers and link-boys. After reading The Valentine (1977), for example, children would know more about 18th-century burial customs than their parents possibly thought was healthy. Garfield had spent years labouring over test tubes before becoming a writer. His father was a flamboyant but erratic businessman, and he grew up in Brighton, where he was educated at a grammar school.

Garfield then went to art school, but the war interrupted his studies, and he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He met his wife Vivien Alcock (also a children's writer) when she was driving an ambulance. Afterwards he remained in medicine, working as a hospital biochemist at Whittington Hospital, Highgate.

He had always wanted to write and did so from an early age. All the work from his early period was stowed away into a big trunk. The first novel which Garfield decided was good enough to show to the world was Jack Holborn. Grace Hogarth, then setting up a new children's list at Constable, read the manuscript and recognised it as a splendid adventure story, which, with a few minor

amendments, would make perfect reading for children. Jack Holborn was published in 1964 and Garfield remained a children's writer. By the late 1960s he was in a strong enough position to give up his day job, and to concentrate on fiction full-time. Garfield wrote a novel a year from then on. His favourite means of research was ferreting around in second-hand bookshops — the musty, out-of-print volumes often yielded real treasures, such as a manual on acting by an 18th-century actor-manager, which he used as background material for The Sound of Coaches. His best-known novel was Smith (1967), about a sharp-witted pickpocket growing up in London in the 18th century. Like most of his books, it was a moral tale. Smith steals a document, the contents of which put his life in danger.

He was a modest man, bemused by his success, but enchanted by the relative freedom this gave him, late in his life, from financial constraints. Suddenly he no longer had to worry about whether he could afford to buy a particularly good camera. One of the first things he did when he had the money was to build a darkroom. He had concentrated on Shakespeare for the past four years. As well as the animated series for television, he set himself to re-tell the complete works of Shakespeare, which were published by Gollancz in two volumes. His death, which followed surgery, was sudden and unexpected. He is survived by his wife Vivien, and by their daughter, who is a primary school-teacher.

Mr. SADLER'S motion for a bill to better the condition of the labouring poor of the British empire was negatived, after very little discussion, with a division. There is, indeed, something supremely offensive in a man of his limited knowledge and mediocre talents presuming to grapple with such a comprehensive and transcendently important subject. There is a degree of pretension so disproportionate to the means of the pretender, that even flattery is forced to call it, not high-spirited ambition, but gross presumption. A tawdry speech, shuffled with quotations, constitute neither an orator nor a statesman.

ON THIS DAY

June 4, 1830

The language of these short leading articles was austere and the criticism, containing no redeeming feature, was stinging. It is as though the writer had got out of bed the wrong side.

ravings of the latter description, he is very little, if at all, better than poor old drivelling COBBETT. Abusive words and inconclusive reasoning! Will those who have the watching of Mr. O'CONNELL think him worth purchase? He may write coarse letters in Ireland without being sent into Parliament, and will then have time enough for all the calls of his profession.

Some of our correspondents have mistaken our meaning: we have never

thrown any doubt on the existence of hydrophobia, nor failed to express the utmost horror at that shocking and incurable malady. We are as anxious as any of our readers for some public act which may in a great degree prevent what cannot be cured — the infliction of this terrible calamity. All we meant to say yesterday was, that there is a risk, in a time of general panic of passing some measure, which from its extravagance may produce a reaction in the public mind destructive of the efficacy of such a measure.

One remedy, however, there is, to which no reasonable objection can be raised, and which is as practicable as it is expedient. In some country towns — Brighton, for instance — and in some districts of the metropolis, there are local acts of Parliament empowering the magistracy to order all dogs found at large to be destroyed, and the owners, if known, to be fined to the amount of 5l. Let this act be made general; and let the fine on the owner be raised to 10l instead of 5l.

Last chance to enter competition

Continental cream can land tasty Euro ITF prize

THERE are just four days to go before England and Switzerland meet at Wembley to launch Euro 96 and with it comes the chance to win a prize of £25,000 as *The Times*, in association with Winterthur, invites entries to its Euro Interactive Team Football competition.



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The overall winner will collect £25,000, and there are also four £1,000 prizes for the best team performances in each of the first four sections.

The choice of players is yours, although it is important to remember that you must not pick more than two individuals (two players, or one player and a manager) from the same country and you must include one — and only one — Rising Star (denoted — RS).

Note that three new Rising Stars: 20132 Radostio Kishishev, 41647 Sergen Yalcin and 51055 Antonio Folha have replaced previous players in this category who were not included in the final squads. It is the responsibility of every player to make sure their team conforms to these restrictions at all times.

Full details of how to play and enter are given below. On the opposite page is a list of the players making up the European championship finals. If

you have already entered the competition but find one or more of your selected players no longer appears in the list, do not panic. Instead, use the telephone alteration line, the number for which is given below, to change your team.

ALTERATIONS

You may alter as many players as is necessary, but you may only use the alteration line once to amend a team. If you use the alteration line more than once for any one team, that team will revert to its original form.

Please note that if you selected 30534 Mark Wright before the England squad was announced, you have been allocated 30534 Steve Howey

and will have to use the alteration line to change your team.

The line will be open 24 hours a day, from 6am today until noon on Saturday, June 8. The telephone alteration line is:

0891 771 238

The number for readers in the Republic of Ireland is 004 4990 200 631.

TRANSFERS

The Euro ITF competition is separated into five transfer sections. For each section, you may transfer up to five individual players (including the manager), but it is important to note that you may only use the transfer facility once for each team.

During Section 1 (Saturday, June 8 to Tuesday, June 11 inclusive), team selectors will be able to transfer up to (but no more than) five individuals, the transfers becoming effective from the commencement of Section 2. During Section 2 (Thursday, June 13 to Sunday, June 16 inclusive), team selectors may register their next transfers, which will become effective for matches in Section 3, and during Section 3 (Tuesday, June 18 to Wednesday, June 19 inclusive) they may register their transfers which will become effective for matches in Section 4.

During Section 4, which covers the four quarter-finals, team selectors may now choose up to four individuals from any one country, which will become effective for matches in Section 5, which covers the semi-finals and final.

The telephone transfer line opens on Saturday 8 June at 3pm for Section 1 games and is:

0891 333 335

The number for readers in the Republic of Ireland is 004 4990 200 635.



Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur central defender, has played with and against some of the best footballers in the world

Klinsmann a must in Euro ITF

Gary Mabbutt draws on a wealth of experience and tells James Willoughby about his idea of a winning selection

THE GERMANS looked to have a very tight defence so Oliver Kahn, their goalkeeper, should not concede too many and is a sensible choice to start off my team. His team-mate Jürgen Kohler, is a central defender of the highest class, too. But you can have only two players from each nation in your side and I want to save my other German selection for Jürgen Klinsmann.

For that reason I will plump instead for Slaven Bilic of West Ham United and Croatia. I have been impressed by Bilic this season and I think it is worth putting at least one Croatia player in your side because many people view them as the possible surprise packets of the tournament. My other central defender is Tony

Adams who will give England's chances a big boost if he is fit for Euro 96. My full-backs are Paolo Maldini, of Italy and AC Milan — arguably the best in the world in his position — and Frank de Boer of Holland, who is a very versatile player.

In midfield I will use my Rising Star allocation on Zinedine Zidane of France who is an outstanding player. I am very much looking forward to watching him this summer. I am including Paul Gascoigne, not out of loyalty but in a genuine belief that he is going to rise to the occasion in Euro '96

and do something special to swing things for England. He is great at getting forward and always a goal-scoring threat. Demetrio Albertini of Italy and Michael Laudrup, of Denmark, complete my attacking midfield.

The strikers I most rate are those who can turn the game with one flash of brilliance. In other words they are unpredictable. I have picked two players who have made an impact in Britain in Klinsmann and Dennis Bergkamp. When my club,

Tottenham Hotspur, lured a world-class player like Klinsmann to the Premiership they became the flag-bearers. Other players from outside this country looked at what Klinsmann had done and were encouraged to come here too.

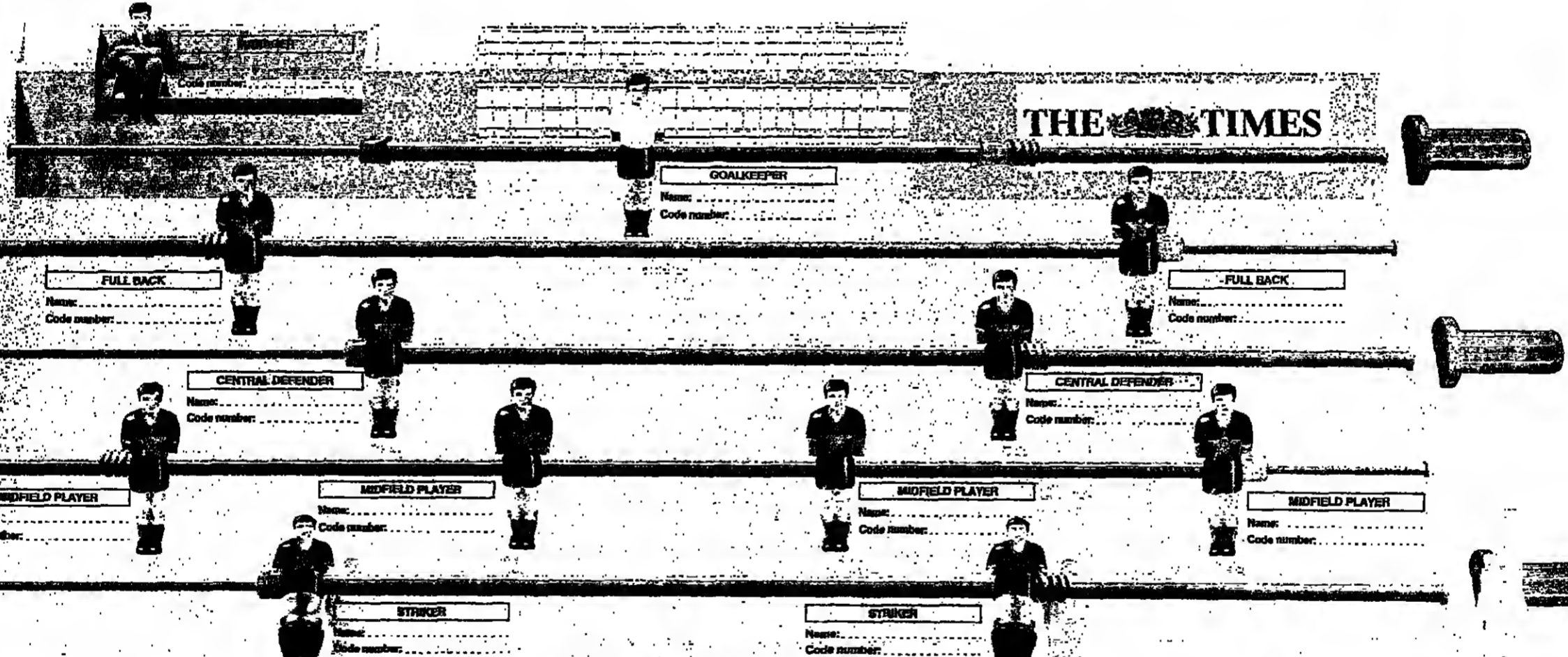
I am such a fan of Gullit's because he is so adaptable. He could play in any country and play the way that is required to succeed but he has retired from international football and his fellow countryman, Bergkamp, gets my vote instead. He is one of the trickiest opponents I have faced and I think it is his experience that will really come through this summer.

My manager is Antonio Oliveira, of Portugal, because I think Portugal are going to perform well.

MABBUTT'S EURO ITF TEAM

Goalkeeper
10701 Oliver Kahn (Germany)
Full backs
20633 Paolo Maldini (Italy)
20831 Frank de Boer (Holland)
Central defenders
30231 Slaven Bilic (Croatia)
30531 Tony Adams (England)

Midfield players
40241 Demetrio Albertini (Italy)
40542 Paul Gascoigne (England)
40441 Michael Laudrup (Denmark)
40646 Zinedine Zidane (France)
Strikers
50753 Jürgen Klinsmann (Germany)
50851 Dennis Bergkamp (Holland)
Manager
61061 Antonio Oliveira (Portugal)



HOW TO PLAY

You have to select a team of 11 players, including one Rising Star, and a manager.

You must pick:
1 GOALKEEPER 2 FULL BACKS
2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS
2 STRIKERS 1 MANAGER

Players and the manager must be chosen from the Euro Interactive Team Football category lists (which include code numbers).

You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same country, and no players can be picked twice.

You must also include one player (and no more than one player) who has been selected as a Rising Star. There are 30 of these, one from each country, and are denoted by the RS after their country/club in the category lists.

You can register your team by post or by telephone. Postal applications must be received by last post on Thursday, June 6. The closing date for telephone entries is midnight on Saturday, June 8. You may enter as many times as you like. Your players and manager accumulate points in all matches in Euro 96. The team with the most points at the end of Euro 96 wins £25,000. There will also be four £1,000

prizes for the best performance in each of the first four sections. If there is more than one winner, a tie-break will be applied. If there is still more than one winner, the prizes will be shared.

BY POST

Fill in the entry form on the left, right (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 made payable to The Times Euro ITF to Euro Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 9NS, to arrive by last post on Thursday, June 6. Postal entries will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of their Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team.

BY TELEPHONE

Once you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a

Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling 0891 405011. The registration line for readers entering from the Republic of Ireland is 004 4990 100 320. Telephone entries must be received by midday on Saturday, June 8.

Then follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager in the following order: the goalkeeper, the two full backs, the two central defenders, the four midfield players, the two strikers and the manager.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address (with postcode) and daytime telephone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use The Times Euro ITF team form to record your selections and your PIN. Calls will cost 29p per minute (plus 4p per minute at other times). Each call will last about eight minutes. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed each selection. You will be notified of your PIN at the end of the call. No postal notification will be sent.

TRANSFERS

Euro ITF will introduce a transfer system shortly after the start of the game in which you will be able to transfer up to five players (including a manager) per section. Transfers will only be made by telephone.

To enter by phone call **0891 405 011**
Calls cost 29p per min (plus 4p per min at other times. Calls should last approximately 8 min)

TEAM NAME: _____ (up to 16 characters)

Goalkeeper: _____

Full back: _____

Central defender: _____

Midfielder: _____

Striker: _____

Manager: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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POINTS SCORED

GOALKEEPER	Keeps clean sheet* (including penalty shoot-out)	+4
STRIKER	Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+3
ALL PLAYERS	Saves penalty in penalty shoot-out	+3
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER	Apparatus	+1
MANAGER	Score goal in extra time	+4
MANAGER	Team wins in group match	+3
MIDFIELD PLAYER	Team wins in quarter-final, semi-final or final	+5

POINTS DEDUCTED

GOALKEEPER	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out)	-2
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out)	-2
ALL PLAYERS	Team loses in group match	-1
ALL PLAYERS	Yellow card	-1
ALL PLAYERS	Second yellow card (sets off with red card)	-2
ALL PLAYERS	Red card (sets off with yellow card previously)	-3

EXAMPLE

Your midfield player scores three goals (3 x 2pts = 6pts), is booked (minus 1pt), misses a penalty (minus 1pt) and plays throughout (1pt) in a 3-0 win (clean sheet = 1pt). He has scored 6 points in that match.

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match

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GOALKEEPERS

Table of Goalkeepers with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Borislav Mihailov, Dimitar Popov, Zdravko Zdravkov, etc.

FULL BACKS

Table of Full Backs with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Ivan Kiryakov, Radostin Kishinev, Emil Kromeniev, etc.

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Table of Central Defenders with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Goshko Guinechev, Petar Hubchev, Trifon Ivanov, etc.

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Table of Midfield Players with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Krasimir Balakov, Daniel Borimirov, Borcho Gertchev, etc.

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See details of how to enter Euro ITF on the page opposite.



Gheorghe Popescu is a key defensive player in the Romania team

Table of Midfield Players (continued) with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Zlatko Yankov, Ivaylo Yordanov, Georgi Donkov, etc.

Table of Strikers with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Didier Deschamps, Vincent Guerin, Christian Karembeu, etc.

STRIKERS

Table of Strikers (continued) with columns for Player (Country/Club), Age, and Caps. Includes names like Emil Kostadinov, Hristo Stoichkov, Nasko Sirakov, etc.

MANAGERS

Table of Managers with columns for Manager (Country) and Caps. Includes names like Dimitar Panev, Miroslav Blazevic, Dusan Uhrin, etc.

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NEWS

Hillsborough police win damages

Fourteen police officers are to receive a total of £1.2 million in agreed damages for mental trauma suffered as a result of rescuing football fans during the Hillsborough disaster seven years ago.

Relations of the 96 fans who died in the crowd crush at the Leppings Lane end of the Sheffield Wednesday ground criticised the awards. Some were refused damages for post-traumatic stress after a legal test case five years ago. Offers as low as £2,000 for the loss of relations were made. Page 1

England squad fined for plane damage

The Football Association fined the entire England squad for the damage caused to a jumbo jet during a party on the return flight from Hong Kong last week. No individuals were blamed for the smashing of television sets and a table. Page 1

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We have ways of making you laugh

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In the past, the conductor might confront the child who swore on the bus while the policeman would feel the collar of the petty vandal. It is necessary to restore something of that culture. Page 19

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We have shamefully little respect for engineers and technicians, yet take it for granted that if you hand over enough money (and money is always respected) you can eat breakfast in a blizzard and dive a coral reef that afternoon. Page 18

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

In deciding what kind of building to put into the Boilerhouse Yard, the V&A has a choice. We could play safe and choose a design which would imitate and harmonise with its immediate neighbours. The trustees have preferred to choose an architect who will give us a building in a contemporary and forward-looking style. Page 18

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A table showing weather forecasts for various regions in the UK, including Greater London, Kent, Devon & Cornwall, and others. It includes temperature ranges and weather conditions.

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A table showing the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in various locations across the UK for the current day.

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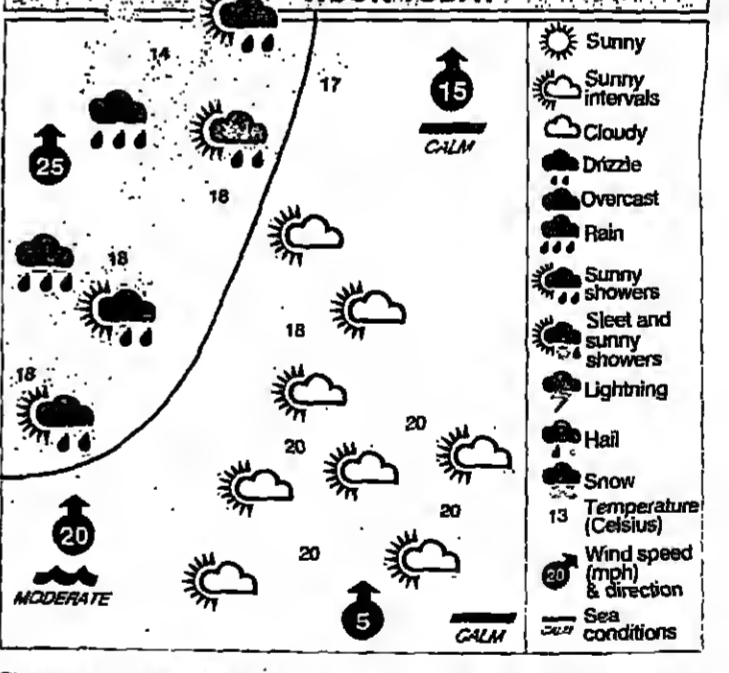
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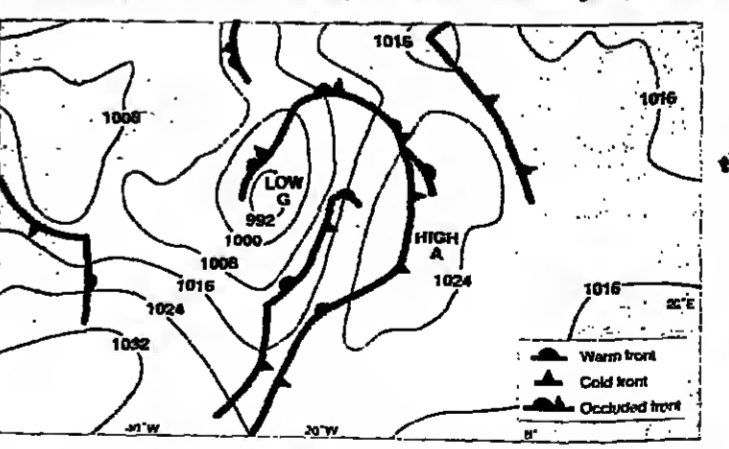
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A table showing high tide times for various locations in the UK, including London, Brighton, and others.

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A table showing the hours of darkness for various locations in the UK, including London, Brighton, and others.

Bidders line up as Facia chains unwind

NEARLY a year after the collapse of Facia, the retail chain's assets are being sold off in a series of auctions. Bidders are lining up for the assets, which include property, stock, and other assets. The chain's collapse was a major event in the retail industry.

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Bidders line up as Facia chains unwind

NEARLY 100 potential purchasers have already expressed interest in parts of Facia Group...

Neither Mr Hinchliffe nor Texas American Group, a potential rescuer of Facia, are understood to have made bids...

Maurice Withall, of Grant Thornton, who is receiver for the Salisburys luggage retailer, said he had received 30 expressions of interest for that operation...

No fewer than three different firms of accountants are 'picking over' the group's bones.

Two Price Waterhouse partners were yesterday appointed administrators to Facia's shoe businesses at the request of Sears...

The appointment followed a deal between Sears and United Mizrahi, the Israeli bank which lent £7 million to Facia...

The day started with Mizrahi having KPMG appointed receivers to Facia Footwear and Cityscan...

Sears argued that an administration order would be more in the interests of all creditors...

After more than four hours of legal argument, Alan Barrett and Dipanker Ghosh, of Price Waterhouse, were made administrators to all three Facia companies...

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Drawing the line: Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, announcing the new pricing controls on BT in London yesterday

Phone watchdog's move will cut bills

By PAUL DURMAN

NEW pricing controls from OfTel, the telecommunications regulator, will save BT's residential customers a combined total of about £125 million a year.

OfTel's proposals, which are to run for four years from August 1997, are aimed at the lowest-spending 80 per cent of BT's 20 million residential customers...

The latest OfTel price cap was broadly welcomed by consumers and, more enthusiastically, by BT's rivals and City investors.

Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, said that BT's 16 million smallest customers had

missed out on much of the benefit from earlier price controls. Business customers had enjoyed the bulk of the savings forced on BT...

Mr Cruickshank said this would be the last retail price control. OfTel believes that by the end of the century competitive market pressures will keep prices down even for low users.

Like its rivals, BT welcomed these steps to deregulate the telecoms market. But it is unhappy that OfTel is determined to combine an agreement on pricing with tougher powers against potential abuse of market power.

BT and OfTel would like the Government to incorporate

European anti-competitive law into UK legislation. In the meantime, OfTel intends to use powers under the Telecommunications Act to prohibit abuse of market power and anti-competitive agreements...

BT has the right to refer the price review to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, but OfTel does not expect it to do so.

Laurence Heyworth, telecoms analyst at Flemings, expects the net effect of the changes to be a £100 million boost to BT's revenues...

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Barclays lures Flemings high-flyer to head BZW

By PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS has lured Bill Harrison, the high-profile head of global investment banking at Robert Fleming, to succeed the late David Band as head of its BZW investment bank.

The bank refused to discuss details of Mr Harrison's remuneration at BZW. Last year Mr Harrison was Fleming's highest-paid director, earning £1.95 million.

Mr Harrison, 47, joined Flemings from Lehman Brothers, the US bank, to build up its mergers and acquisitions business. He resigned from Flemings' board yesterday and will be on "gardening" leave before taking up his BZW appointment in September.

Mr Taylor said the bank had started to look for a new



Harrison: paid £1.95 million

chief executive before Christmas and began speaking to Mr Harrison in February. Mr Band was to have become chairman. After his sudden death in March, the search became more urgent, he said.

Mr Taylor said he hoped Mr Harrison would "steepen the gradient at which the firm

is going up," and to tap into the "enormous energy bubbling within BZW."

Mr Harrison said BZW had a strong product base and was strong geographically, and that he hoped to exploit BZW's strengths. He said: "The thing is to keep on hiring, looking for competitive advantages and exploit them. This is a major firm with a major franchise."

Mr Harrison's departure is a blow for Flemings, whose deals last year included advising ING on its acquisition of Barings and advising Dresdner Bank on the acquisition of Kleinwort Benson. John Manser, Flemings' chief executive, said Mr Harrison had been offered a much bigger job at BZW and added that it was "flattering that they had to come to Flemings to find such a person."

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Sorrell to collect £2.6m payout

MARTIN SORRELL, chief executive at WPP, is to receive a £2.65 million pay package even before his controversial new long-term incentive scheme kicks in (Oliver August writes).

The existing scheme is yielding £577,000 on top of his basic salary of £1.45 million and pension contributions of £18,000.

The new scheme, which could pay out as much as £28 million over five years starting this month, sparked a controversy at the last annual meeting when a quarter of shareholders refused to endorse it. Mr Sorrell claimed that the performance targets were almost impossible to reach.

In its annual report, the group said like-for-like sales for the first four months of the year were up more than 10 per cent.

Tesco launches customer payment and credit card

By SARAH BAGNALL

TESCO yesterday became the first leading British supermarket group to move into financial services with the launch of Clubcard Plus, a payment card that earns customers interest of 5 per cent on credit balances.

The card, which also enables customers to obtain cash at Tesco tills and from 2,500 National Westminster service tills, is thought to be the first of its kind in the United Kingdom.

Under the scheme, customers set up standing orders to transfer a set amount of money each month to cover their typical monthly spend on food and petrol as well as cash requirements. While the money sits in their Clubcard Plus account it earns interest on a daily basis.

Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman, said the rate of interest



MacLaurin: better rate

"puts many traditional savings accounts in the shade".

Terry Leahy, deputy managing director, said: "The card has the accessibility of a current account but pays interest on the balance like a deposit account."

The card is an extension of the food retailer's successful

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Pay slipping

Engineering companies proclaim what they see as the first significant decline in pay awards for almost a year - with pay freezes in the industry now at their most extensive since 1994. Pay rises held steady in the previous nine months at about 3.5 per cent but the average settlement is now 3.27 per cent. Page 26

Mad cow costs

Dalgety, the food group, admitted that the BSE scare had cost it £25 million, but insisted that the crisis would not cause the company long-term damage. The scale of the losses surprised City analysts, who had underestimated the impact of the BSE crisis, prompting a spate of profits downgrades. Page 27, Times p 28

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Listing for Biotech company

Therapeutics Antibodies Inc (TAI), a biotech company headquartered in America but with most of its operations in Britain, is seeking a listing on the London Stock Exchange through an institutional share placing.

The company, which uses sheep to produce antibodies to fight snake bites and drug overdoses, hopes to raise about £30 million. Founded in 1984 by British and American scientists, it is expected to be valued at about £150 million.

TAI has a flock of 5,000 sheep, mostly grazing in Wales, which are being injected with an immunogen that makes the animals produce antibodies. These are later retracted to make a serum which, due to the company's unique method, leads to fewer allergic reactions with patients than other products.

Ulster jobs

A £33 million investment initially creating 300 manufacturing jobs in one of Northern Ireland's unemployment blackspots could lead to a more ambitious project creating as many as 1,000 jobs in depressed West Belfast.

The Capeland Corporation, of America, is to set up a plant at Cookstown, Co Tyrone, to make scroll compressors for commercial and industrial refrigeration and air-conditioning systems.

Adwest buys

Adwest, the engineering company, is to acquire Rearsby, a supplier of pedal boxes, gearshifts, parking brakes and suspension links, for £29.95 million. Last year Rearsby earned operating profits of £2 million on turnover of £27 million. Last month Adwest announced property sales of £26.5 million.

Azlan higher

Azlan Group, the distributor of network computing products and services, increased pre-tax profits to £10.5 million in the year to March 31. Earnings improved to 30.3p a share from 12.5p. A final dividend of 2.6p a share makes a total of 3.8p, up from 3.1p last time.

Centre deal

Allied London Properties has bought the Princess Square shopping centre in Bracknell, Berkshire, from Abbey Life for £32 million. Built in 1984, the centre is let to national retailers including Boots, WH Smith and Top Shop. The rental income is £2.64 million a year.



David Michels, chief executive of Stakis, the leisure company, who yesterday reported a 13 per cent rise in half-year profits, excluding exceptional, to £12 million. He said there was a 22 per cent fall in operating profits from the casino division to £5 million. The hotel division increased operating profits 32 per cent to £17 million. *Tempus*, page 28

Engineering workers accept lower pay rises

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S engineering companies today proclaim what they see as the first significant decline in pay awards for almost a year — with pay freezes in the industry now at their most extensive since 1994.

Figures from the EEF engineering employers suggest that pay settlements are showing a "significant" drop, after having held steady for the past nine months at about 3.5 per cent. The EEF says: "The average level of pay settlements is starting to decline."

Looking at 270 pay settlements in the three months to April, covering almost 38,000 employees, the EEF says that the average settlement level is now 3.27 per cent. While this is

not a large-scale fall, EEF analysts are convinced that the pay trend is now downward in the industry, because of the composition of some of the pay deals that make up the average.

Two settlements were actually for pay cuts, and while such deals remain rare, figures produced by the EEF show that 8 per cent of the settlements in the period were pay freezes — the highest for two years.

Three quarters of the settlements recorded by the EEF, which last month forecast that total engineering output would grow by less than 3 per cent over the next year, are for increases of 2 to 4 per cent,

with the majority between 3 and 4 per cent. Government ministers and business leaders remain economically sanguine about pay, even though both the Bank of England and independent pay analysts have given warnings about pay settlements rising slowly but steadily. Ministers believe that rises in average earnings remain broadly stable, though pay commentators suggest that the increasingly widespread adoption of more flexible pay forms, including profit-related pay, are disguising some of the current levels of pay awards.

EEF analysts suggest the trend towards lower deals may be accelerating, with pay figures for April in particular looking lower. Pay freezes increased markedly in April, the EEF says, with zero per cent rises forming more than 9 per cent of all the settlements reached in the month.

David Yeandle, EEF head of employment affairs, says: "We are pleased to see employers and employees are responding prudently to tougher trading conditions and the decreasing rate of inflation by reaching sensible settlement levels."

EEF leaders believe that such a swift response to changing economic fortunes in the industry is a "major benefit" of the decentralisation of pay bargaining in engineering.

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Morton to announce Eurotunnel leaving date

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE retirement of Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel for almost a decade and the Channel Tunnel's visionary-in-chief, is set to be announced later this month.

Sir Alastair, who has waged almost unceasing battles with the contractors, bankers and governments involved in the tunnel's construction, is expected to reveal the date when he will leave the post he has held since 1987, at the annual meeting in Paris on June 27.

His departure will bring an end to the career of one of Britain's most colourful businessmen. Unpredictable and stubborn, he has frequently confounded critics who predicted the Channel Tunnel project would collapse in ruins. But a growing number of the 225 banks in the Eurotunnel loan syndicates have been seeking his departure as a precondition for a financial restructuring settlement.

"There is no question that confidence in Morton is ebbing but he will be allowed to make his exit with dignity," said one banker.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Caspian close to Leeds United control

CASPIAN GROUP, the media company is close to acquiring a controlling stake in Leeds United Football Club. Caspian is understood to have offered £10 million for a 65 per cent stake owned by Bill Fotherby, the Leeds chairman, and Leslie Silver, his predecessor. But the third major shareholder, Peter Gilliam, who holds a 32.5 per cent stake, has so far rejected Caspian's offer, holding alternative talks with Barry Ruber, chief executive of Pace, the satellite decoder manufacturer. Caspian, whose shares were suspended at 18.2p yesterday, is expected to fund the purchase via a rights issue.

Caspian started life selling rights to cartoon characters but has broadened its interests to include television since Richard Thompson, who is in the process of selling Queens Park Rangers Football Club, bought into the group. Mr Thompson stepped down as chairman at the beginning of the year but remains a director with a 7 per cent shareholding.

Dairy may bid for rival

ROBERT WISEMAN DAIRIES has made a preliminary takeover approach to Scottish Pride, its fellow milk processor and distributor, the companies disclosed today. Scottish Pride, whose shares are traded on the Alternative Investment Market, said that it had received an approach on behalf of Robert Wiseman that may or may not lead to a takeover bid. The Robert Wiseman board emphasised that no formal discussions had yet taken place. Shares of Scottish Pride rose 13p to 61p. *Tempus*, page 28

Hambro Insurance up

HAMBRO Insurance Services lifted profits by 38 per cent, to £11.1 million, in the year to March 31. The loss-adjusting arm made profits of £3.7 million, up from £900,000, after unusually high claims from Caribbean hurricanes and UK subsidence and the Christmas freeze. Such claims added £2.1 million to profits. Beale Dobie, the secondhand endowment policy market-maker, saw profits rise by 30 per cent, to £185 million. Berkeley Insurance lifted profits by 10 per cent, to £308,000. The annual dividend remains 5.5p. *Tempus*, page 28

Unigate sells diners

UNIGATE, the food group, has sold its Black-eyed Pea restaurant chain to Den America Corp for \$65 million. Black-eyed Pea comprises 130 American diners, of which 30 are franchises. It made an operating profit for the year to March 1996 of \$4.7 million. Estimated net assets are \$92.3 million. Unigate is also trying to sell its 110-strong Taco Bueno fast food chain and its five Casa Bonita/Crystals restaurants. The group will use proceeds from the sale for investment in its other food and distribution businesses. *Tempus*, page 28

Elf UK sales ahead

COMPETITION in oil refining and rivalry in downstream gas threatens a margin squeeze at Elf Petroleum, the UK division of the French oil company. The company gave warning that the rivalry in the two operations could lead to lower margins and partially offset the benefit of high oil prices in the upstream area. In the year to December 31, Elf UK sales rose to £2.5 billion from £2.25 billion. Pre-tax profit for last year was £95 million after a loss the previous year of £45.3 million. No dividend payment has been recommended.

Fall at Wainhomes

WAINHOMES, the housebuilder, reported a sharp fall in profits to £2.1 million before tax from £10 million in the year to March 31. The decline reflects the impact of tough trading conditions in the North West. Despite a fall in earnings to 2p a share from 10.8p, the total dividend is being maintained at 4.5p, with a 3p final. The shares rose 1p to 10.1p. The company said it had replaced almost the entire management of its northern region, after the discovery that costs had been understated by £3.2 million.

'Pension' for names

LLOYD'S OF LONDON has agreed to provide its hardest hit names with an annual "pension" as part of its multi-billion settlement offer to 34,000 names. As revealed in *The Times* last week, representatives of names were calling on Lloyd's to provide extra financial help to those ruined. Lloyd's hopes that the annual income stream will be financed by an increased contribution from the many Lloyd's agents. The full cost will not be known for several weeks as applications from names have only just been lodged.

Whitcroft warning

WHITCROFT has given warning that continued deterioration in the commercial construction market will hit first-half results from its lighting and building products divisions. The group announced a fall in pre-tax profits from £107 million to £9.3 million in the year to March 31. Stripping out an £5.9 million exceptional gain in the previous year, and profits rose 18 per cent from £6.8 million. The final dividend was lifted from 2.75p to 3.25p, making a total of 5p (4.25p). Earnings per share fell from 24.2p to 14.1p.

Security group deal

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS has acquired La Fomie Fedatarias, Brazil's leading commercial security group, for \$13.3 million. La Fomie Fedatarias, which is based in São Paulo, makes a range of locks and lever handles. The company made a pre-tax profit of \$2.2 million on sales of \$19.9 million in 1995 and has net assets of about \$4 million, of which \$1 million is in cash. La Fomie Fedatarias joins Williams's existing security products business, which made a £7.6 million profit on sales of £214.6 million in 1995.

British Energy push on life of reactors

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITAIN'S newest nuclear stations will face a push to have their lifespans increased by about ten years after they are privatised.

The pathfinder prospectus for the sale of the eight most modern stations, grouped as British Energy, will say that at least four can carry on for a decade beyond present shutdown dates. The extensions, however, have not yet been approved by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate.

Greater lifespans for the reactors will flatter the valuation of the business and impact on the depreciation charge. Exter-

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Takeover of N&P draws 33 protests

OBJECTORS to Abbey National's £1.35 billion takeover of the National & Provincial Building Society yesterday took their case to the Building Societies Commission, the industry watchdog (Anne Ashworth writes).

A mere three members of the society used the opportunity to make their protests in person, against a dozen or more in a similar hearing on the Lloyds bid for Cheltenham & Gloucester.

Thirty-three objections have been received, compared with 137 in the case of C&G. The Commission will give its final opinion in a month's time.

Halifax lifts home prices forecast

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Halifax yesterday more than doubled its year-end house price inflation forecast to 5 per cent after the tenth successive monthly rise in prices.

The forecast was accompanied by a warning that the housing market was still perceived as fragile in terms of transactions. For any sustainable recovery in the overall housing market, the rate of transactions is seen as more important than house price increases.

The Halifax, which noted that housing transactions in the first four months of the

year were 8 per cent lower year-on-year, said that prices rose 1 per cent last month, compared with 0.9 per cent in April. The cumulative effect of gently rising monthly house prices is that the annual rate of house price inflation has leapt to 4.6 per cent, against the 2.7 per cent reported in May.

Prices paid by first-time buyers were up 0.5 per cent in May, taking the annual rate of inflation to 3.1 per cent and the average price paid to £46,964. The average price of a new house was £70,532, compared with £64,270 for second-hand houses.

Scholl shake-up a 'victory' for rebels

By JON ASHWORTH



Wallis: new chairman

REBEL shareholders are claiming victory in their quest to shake up Scholl, the footwear and personal healthcare group, after a sudden change in senior management. Gordon Stevens is retiring as chairman, handing on to Stuart Wallis, former chief executive of Fisons.

Tom Long, a non-executive director since 1991, and former finance director of BAT Industries, has resigned in protest at the terms of the package for Mr Wallis, who received a reputed £2.5 million when Fisons was taken over by Rhône-Poulenc Rorer last December. Mr Wallis will receive a non-pensionable salary of

£100,000. He will receive a further payment of up to £1 million depending on how the shares perform over two years. They closed up 1p yesterday at 26p.

Mr Wallis, who starts on July 1, will spend two to three months familiarising himself with the business. Mr Wallis said Scholl was an interesting company with a good brand name, which could benefit from some fresh investment. An eventual sale was one possible outcome.

The departure of Mr Stevens, 70, was welcomed by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, the boardroom activists who hold 5 per cent in Scholl through their

UKAV Continuation Fund. The pair attempted in force a change of strategy at Scholl last year, working with JO Hambro & Partners, which holds 10 per cent. Mr Treger said: "We are very happy. This is a real victory for shareholder activists."

Scholl makes net margins of about 10 per cent on annual sales of £207 million, according to Mr Treger, who says margins of 20 to 25 per cent are attainable. Scholl spends about £90 million a year in distribution, advertising and overheads, leaving scope for cost-savings. The company increased profits by 24.8 per cent to £17.1 million in the year to December 31.

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Finland Mk	7.84	7.18
France Fr	6.41	5.75
Germany Dm	2.52	2.31
Greece Dr	388.00	364.00
Hong Kong \$	12.87	11.67
India Pi	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	4.4900	4.4900
Italy Lit	2252.00	2252.00
Japan Yen	181.30	168.50
Malta	0.598	0.543
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How to pay half fare and still get the full Navigator service.

□ Railtrack the key to nukes' success □ Sears' unlucky record on disposals □ New BZW man should step carefully

Nuclear fallout is good for you

□ RUN away, run away. Head for the hills. Everyone under the table — duck and cover. The UK's nuclear power stations are suffering from "reheat cracking" and "stagnation of fuel assembly on insertion into the reactor".

These chilling words, straight out of *The China Syndrome*, and a few thousand more of the same will appear in next Monday's pathfinder prospectus for British Energy, owner of the eight nuclear power plants the Government regards as saleable. They will, quite rightly, be ignored by the punters.

Most recent state sell-offs have been driven by public demand, and the indications are that retail investors' appetites are every bit as strong for the nukes as for their predecessors. The reheat cracking and all the other technical gibberish is in the prospectus as mere ballast, because the lawyers say it must be.

It has no real importance. There are technical problems at Britain's nuclear stations, but they are not life-threatening — indeed, the industry has an exemplary safety record. International authorities recognise a seven-fold scale of nuclear accidents. Chernobyl was a seven, Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania a five. The stations being sold have only ever managed a single two.

The technical problems have more to do with the output

achievable. In an industry as safety-conscious and as technologically advanced as nuclear, frequent shutdowns are inevitable to avoid even a minimal risk. Last year, two of the stations being sold had lengthy periods of "outage," when the reactors could not run. This and the future price of electricity are the two main variables that will affect future performance, and they will be the focus of investors' attention on Monday.

The prospectus will contain several bonus points for investors, to outweigh the undeniable fact that British Energy does not at present make a profit. Half the stations should last for longer than expected, and are therefore worth more. The company will have an extra £50 million-plus on the balance sheet from its strong cash flow in April and May. The main attraction will be the indicated dividend, which on the sort of price the City expects for the shares offers the retail investor a return of approaching 20 per cent during the first year.

The main downside is the price of electricity. If this slumps it will cost British Nuclear dear and

dividend policy, described as usual as "progressive," will have to be adjusted accordingly. The prospectus will make clear. But this will not happen quickly, and not within the timescale of the average private investor.

The main attraction of British Energy comes from the so-called "Railtrack fall-out", the fact that the last privatisation is currently worth 15 per cent more than the public paid for it. Advisers therefore hope that they can top the 50 per cent of Railtrack that went to retail buyers, and they probably will. Forget reheat cracking — just watch for all that lovely fall-out.

Strong holds a weak hand

□ YOU can tell a great deal about a man by the company he keeps. Liam Strong, chief executive of Sears, might reflect on this as he surveys the mess left from his group's involvement with Stephen Hinchliffe.

Mr Strong had been at Sears for two years when he decided to do something about the chronic



problems he inherited — too many high street outlets and too many brands. But when he decided to sell he might perhaps have taken a longer and harder look at the buyers.

Mr Hinchliffe was ditched by engineer James Wilkes in the middle of a takeover battle. He is also emerging surprisingly unscathed from the collapse of two other companies he had been running, having sold them shortly before they went into receivership. As we have learnt since, the Department of Trade & Industry is taking a dim view of one of these cases and wants to disqualify him as a director.

Some of this was known when, Sears says, he made the best offer for the Freeman Hardy

Willis and Saxone shoe chains. Even had he completed the deals, they would have cost Sears £46 million.

As it is, Sears is having to write off another £25 million because Mr Hinchliffe could not come up with the cash.

Mr Strong has also sold out to another of the more colourful characters in business, Philip Green. Sears sold Olympus Sport to Mr Green for £25 million, so incurring a loss of £35 million on the deal. While Mr Green's businesses are clearly more solvent than Mr Hinchliffe's, the revelations about his time at troubled retailer Amber Day and his relationship with the collapsed Landhurst Leasing do not inspire confidence.

Mr Strong, before all this, was marketing director of British Airways during the company's dirty tricks campaign against Virgin Atlantic. There has been no suggestion that Mr Strong was involved. He just tends to be around at unfortunate times.

Perhaps in future Mr Strong might be more careful in such dealings. Hopefully he will be granted a long and fruitful spell

as Sears' chief executive. Then again, perhaps not. The future can be so hard to predict — as he has just found out.

Enter the human dynamo

□ WE had all been expecting some brash Yank in lurid braces who would waltz in on a cloud of share options and bonuses. But the new chief executive of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the most important City post to come up for grabs this year, is a hyperactive Brummie who shows an Old World reticence about how much he will be paid.

Bill Harrison is one of those people who will run down a corridor when others might walk. He is arriving at BZW in the wake of the sad death of David Band. The shortage of first-class corporate financiers means Mr Harrison can expect to feature in next year's report and accounts as Barclays Bank's highest paid director just as Mr Band did, even if much of his salary will depend on the fee income he can generate. David

Band was a market trader but Mr Harrison is a deal-maker and BZW, strong in asset management and broking, badly needs to build up its corporate finance side.

The loser is Robert Fleming, which has shaken off its old, fusty image with the aid of people such as Mr Harrison. It is unlikely, too, that corporate finance stars at BZW such as Graham Pimlott will be too pleased at the parachuting in of an outsider. Mr Harrison's dynamism can sometimes seem terrifying to his subordinates. Perhaps he should tread quietly in his early days at BZW.

Water torture

□ A GOOD regulator should be a complete swine. There is nothing in the job description about being nice to people, safeguarding shareholder value, or helping little old ladies across the road. Three cheers therefore for Ian Byatt, Yorkshire Water has whined pitifully about its problems in the drought, while at the same time insisting that customers have not really lost out. Nonsense, says Mr Byatt. The company failed to deliver adequate service in a number of areas, and must suffer as a consequence until its performance improves. If shareholders lose out in dividends, too bad.

BSE scare costs £25m at Dalgety

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

DALGETY, the food manufacturing group, said yesterday that the BSE scare had cost it £25 million, but insisted that the crisis would not cause the company long-term damage.

The scale of the losses surprised analysts, who had underestimated the impact of the BSE crisis, prompting a spate of profits downgrades.

Full-year profits for the year to the end of June are now forecast at about £90 million, about 10 per cent lower than in previous predictions.

Analysts also anticipate that some BSE costs will spill into the next financial year and profits for 1997 were also downgraded.

However, the company insisted that it would not cut the total dividend for this year and shares recovered to close up 1p at 375p.

Dalgety said that Spillers, its petfood business, had been hardest hit, with the European Union export ban on beef products forcing the company to write off about £15 million in unsaleable stock. A similar write-off in

its feed stock and food ingredients businesses would cost about £5 million, the company added. Dalgety had been left with excess feed stock because of the Government's slaughter policies, while the collapse in consumer confidence had hit demand for beef-based food products.

The company is also making a £3 million charge for unsaleable stock after a contamination incident, unrelated to BSE, in its Dutch petfood factory.

Dalgety said that the costs were largely one-off in nature as it wrote off stocks and switched supplies. But sales have been partially protected by customers switching to alternative Dalgety products.

Richard Clothier, chief executive, said: "People do not suddenly stop eating beef and eat nothing in its place, they eat other products."

Dalgety is anticipating increased sales of pork and poultry feed, compensating for lost animal feed business, while consumers are switching to non-beef based food products.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Investors lose heart as New York mood cools

NOT even a confident performance by the pound against its rivals on world currency markets and some solid gains by government securities could breathe new life into the equity market.

Instead, investors continued to focus on Friday's 50-point slump in the Dow Jones industrial average and further losses after the weekend break. Sentiment was also dampened by the latest Purchasing Managers' Index showing a further downturn in output and new orders.

The FT-SE 100 index halved an earlier fall to end 8.6 points down on the day at 3,739.2. Turnover was again thin with a total of 644 million shares traded.

It still remains to be seen whether BT will agree to the price proposals from OfTel, the industry regulator, and certain other conditions it wants to impose. If it does not the whole matter will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The move is expected to lead to cheaper domestic phone bills over the next few years and open the market up to increased competition.

BT shares were marked 13p higher at 368p after the City gave a favourable reception to the lower than expected pricing formula recommended by OfTel.

OfTel had a sting in the tail for mobile phone operators. It wants to investigate the cost of calls to mobiles. It will concentrate its investigation on Cellnet, owned jointly by BT and Seacore, down 67p at £20.98, and Vodafone, 51p easier at 250p.

Yorkshire Water slipped 1p to 729p after the latest broadside from Ofwat, the industry regulator. Yorkshire has agreed with Ofwat to peg its 1997-98 price increase to inflation with future price increases below the price limits of other water companies. The move is expected to cost Yorkshire £40 million in lost revenue up to the turn of the century.

Ofwat criticised Yorkshire's failure to control leakage, flooding from sewers and keeping supply interruptions to a minimum. It accused the company of failing to deliver an adequate service. Yorkshire intends to spend a total of £50 million on additional investment.

The rest of the water companies ticked better in a falling



Tesco dipped 1p on news of Clubcard Plus

market supported by persistent bid speculation. Anglian rose 5 1/2p to 606p, Hydr 2p to 753p, Mid Kent 3p to 493p, Severn Trent 4p to 608p, South West 1p to 673p, and Southern 2 1/2p to 982p.

Tesco slipped 1p to 300 1/2p as it attempted to stretch its lead over the rest of the supermarket chains by introducing Clubcard Plus, a new

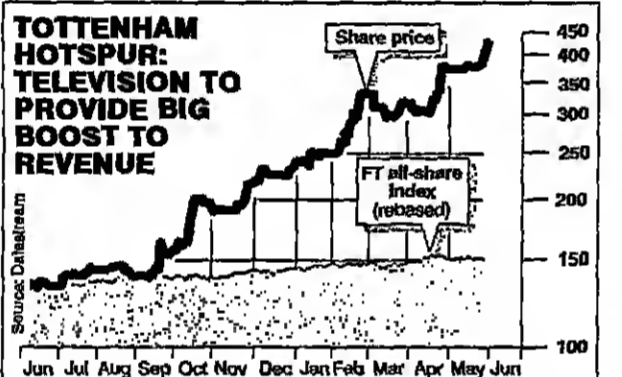
bookmaking activities are floated off separately. Lucas Industries slipped 4p to 241p on profit-taking after announcing plans last week for a £3.2 billion merger with Varioy Corporation in the US. The speculators continue to talk of a spoiling bid from either BBA, 2p easier at 328p, GKN, down 8p at 93p, or TI Group, 1p lighter at 529p.

CAMAS, the building products group, rose 2 1/2p to 88 1/2p as 2.3 million shares changed hands. The rise follows a "positive" trip by brokers and fund managers to the US last week. The eight brokers and four investors visited the group's quarries in Denver and aggregates operation in Minneapolis.

direct debit card offering an annual interest. The move appears to be designed to steal a lead over J.Sainsbury, which has still yet to introduce its own loyalty card. Sainsbury finished 2 1/2p lighter at 394p.

Ladbroke firm 2 1/2p to 192p on turnover of 7.4 million shares amid suggestions that its hotel interests will be reversed into the Hilton chain of hotels in the US, while its

Dalgety firm 1p to 375p despite warning that profits in would be hit by a £25 million provision relating to "mad cow" disease and an unrelated suspected product contamination at a pet food factory in Holland. Animal feed stocks have been written off and the beef export ban has hit its petfood business. The group still expects to maintain the final dividend.



Unigate has sold its 100-strong Black-eyed Pea chain of restaurants for £42 million to DenAmerica Corporation. The group has already written off goodwill totalling £38.2 million and intends to make a provision for a loss on the sale of almost £60 million. It still wants to sell a further 115 Taco Bueno and Casa Bonita restaurants. The shares finished 8p better at 411p.

On the Alternative Investment Market, shares of Scottish Pride, the milk processor and delivery group, surged 13p to 61p after confirming a bid approach from Robert Wiseman Dairies, its bigger rival. Scottish Pride, which unveils full-year figures later today, said no talks had yet taken place. At these levels the group is valued at £19.2 million. Robert Wiseman was steady at 183p.

Tottenham Hotspur jumped 5p to 429p and Premier League rival Manchester United stood out with a leap of 35p to 400p. With just days to go before the kick-off of Euro 96, attention has been focused back on prospects for football in this country. Brokers say the rich clubs will continue to grow richer and will add 36,000 to their next free-for-all when it comes to the rights for televised league football. A good performance by the National sides England, Scotland and Wales should help to strengthen their negotiating hand when talks begin.

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices benefited from the pound's positive performance, resulting in some impressive gains among longer-dated issues. Continuing worries about a rise in US interest rates were shelved as investors chased the market higher in thin trading. Evidence of a further decline in output was taken to be positive for bonds.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed 1/16 higher at £106 1/16, although turnover was on the low side with only 40,000 contracts completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent climbed £13 1/2 to 597 1/2, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent closed 1/16 higher at £102 1/2. NEW YORK: Fear of higher interest rates and caution over coming economic data saw shares on Wall Street drifting. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 12.19 points lower at 5,630.99.

MAJOR INDOICES

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TEMPUS

Difficult to digest

DALGETY, the animal feeds group, became the first to count up the damage of the mad cow disease episode just as the Government was trying to restore confidence in the British beef industry by declaring it illegal to possess foodstuffs that are suspected of causing bovine spongiform encephalitis. It has been illegal to give such feed to animals since 1989 but stocks are still thought to exist on farms.

Of the big food groups Dalgety was always likely to be the worst affected but the £25 million hit from BSE was more than the market had feared. As a result stockbrokers were downgrading forecasts for Dalgety down to £10 million from £123 million for the year to the end of June against £94 million for the year to June 95. Peering into the rather murky future they knocked off £30 million to £130 million for the year to end June 1997. The

board said it would hold the total dividend at 22p - before yesterday the City had hoped for a slight rise. Pre BSE scare the shares stood at 438p. Yesterday they were 375p, at which they yielded 7.3 per cent against 4.2 per cent for the sector.

After three years of heavy underperformance, thanks to supermarket wars, soaring packaging costs, and the more perennial bad harvests, a BSE scare was the last thing the traditionally a good-old standby for fund managers - barely reflects the trauma.

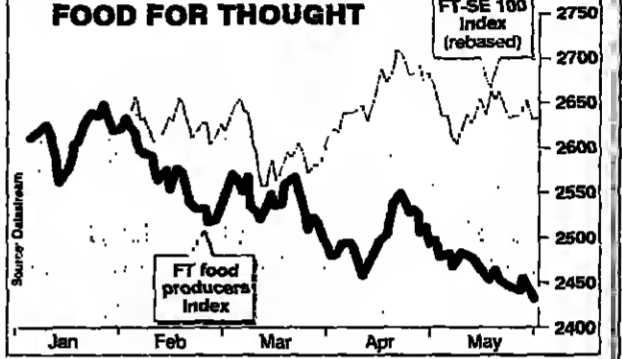
But it was not all bad news yesterday. Robert Wiseman, the dairies group that heaved a sigh of relief when dairy herds escaped wholesale slaughter, went back on the offensive with an approach to Scottish Pride.

Unigate

BEING a dairy company is not easy - even though milk and milk products have been declared immune from BSE. Some dairy groups, however, are still sorting out previous problems. Witness the sale yesterday by Unigate, finally, of the Black Eyed Pea restaurants in America. Up for disposal since February 1993, when a flotation of the American restaurant business was publicly considered by Unigate, the Black Eyed Pea restaurants finally went for \$65 million to Den America Corporation.

Under the original scheme, the Black Eyed Pea restaurants would have been floated off with Taco Bueno. Fast Food to raise about £140 million to fund expansion in the core dairy and food business. But even assuming

Unigate finds a buyer willing to pay \$40 million for Taco Bueno then Unigate is still going to raise less than half its original target from the 1993 float. That, of course, is quite apart from the £60 million hit to Unigate's accounts from the loss on the Black Eyed Pea disposal. Unigate seems confident of a Taco Bueno sale



Hambro Ins

THE insurance sector is under intense pressure from every quarter. Consumers nowadays expect more cover for lower premiums. On long term pension business confidence is still at a low enough ebb over the personal pension misselling scandal for sales to be sluggish. After the usual rationalisation and cost cutting insurers have now turned their attention to service suppliers. Enter Hambro Insurance, a purveyor of loss adjusting services as well as legal protection and second-hand endowment policy market making.

On the face of it Hambro enjoyed a substantial £23 million increase in profits on losses adjusting business to £37 million. But that was dependent on Caribbean hurricanes, subsidence in the UK, and a Christmas freeze which led to an unusually high level of claims and added a further £2.1 million

to the pre-tax profit figure. Beale Dobie, the second-hand market maker, had a fine year with profits up 30 per cent but that is in a very competitive retail market. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with what Hambro is doing with its businesses, from Berkeley Insurance to Cunningham Europe and indeed at Hambro Legal Protection. The reality is, however, that in such a competitive environment Hambro is swimming hard against the tide just to stay broadly where it is. Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroker, says it sees little prospects for long term growth out of Hambro.

Stakis

STAKIS, the leisure company, disappointed the City when it showed it was playing a slightly weakened hand. While overall profits crept up, profits in the casino business took a tumble as ex-

panion costs chipped away at casino winnings. Operating largely at the lower end of the market, Stakis is more vulnerable to competition and has to work hard to keep its customers playing. Equally, Stakis has more to win from the proposed deregulation which is likely to make this firm of gambling more attractive to the average punter. The company could benefit to the tune of £6 million although the measures are still some way off.

Stakis's tax charge has also given cause for concern, as it is set to increase from 4 per cent to 25 per cent over the next couple of years, as the benefits of previous years losses disappears. But the company has had plenty of time to prepare for the increase and its foray into the leisure market should offer a new profit stream. Stakis shares are not cheap. But with three well positioned businesses, a couple of losing hands is no reason to sell now.

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CITY DIARY

Career advice from the top

SIR Colin Marshall, the chairman of Incheape, was indulging in some "dirty tricks" on Macau on Sunday. At a four-day management conference, Incheape employees cheered from the clubhouse as their 62-year-old chairman, with the help of Philip Cushing, the chief executive, challenged two fit-looking company directors to a game of tennis. In the blistering heat, and two demoralising sets down, Sir Colin stopped for a swig of Coke and to remind his opponents that they might enhance their careers if only they eased up a bit. Not surprisingly, Sir Colin and his partner took the next set with ease — 6-0.



Marshall: tennis ploy

Bon appétit

EMPLOYEES at Harry Ramsden's fish and chip shop in Manchester have been sent back to school, to brush up their language skills. In preparation for the Euro 96 kick-off next weekend, 80 staff are furiously learning how to batter-up customers in Czech, Russian, German and Italian. When Germany takes on the Czech Republic in Manchester on Sunday, Harry Ramsden's employees will be reciting off, in foreign tongues, such phrases as "Will you have extra mushy peas with your haddock, sir?" and "Would you like the spotted dick to follow your main meal?"

Facia haggling

TRYING to strike a deal to divide the spoils of the collapsed Facia proved a problem for the lawyers yesterday. Passers-by at the Royal Courts of Justice were accused of eavesdropping and, in desperation, the team from solicitors Titmuss Salner Dechert, for Sears, held a meeting in the doorway of the ladies' loo. None of this spoilt the good humour of Gabriel Moss, QC, for Facia's receivers. Unabashed, he beamed: "I'm just catching up on what is going on. I had to read all the papers on the flight back from my villa in Corsica."

Signs to watch

LEADING City fund managers listened in disbelief yesterday to the quirky trading style of Victor Niederhoffer, the Berkeley professor who insists that his staff work without shoes in the office. Niederhoffer attributes his success to the wisdom of LoBargola, an African who wrote in the 1930s that elephants trample the same garden repeatedly. Niederhoffer, who avoids the herd instinct, and takes frequent breaks from work to tinkle the ivories, sets his own indicators, including the number of dental operations on pets and trade at Salvation Army Thrift stores.

THE arrival of broad-shouldered Bill Harrison as chief executive at BZW in September fills a handful of his future colleagues with dread. According to Brannie Harrison's former colleagues at blue-blooded Robert Fleming, their former director would frequently call them at the crack of dawn on a Sunday to enquire whether they had read a pertinent story in that day's Sunday Mirror.

MORAG PRESTON

BT finds out the truth of its slogan: it's good to talk

Negotiations with OfTel have proven more fruitful than expected, writes Philip Bassett

It's clearly good to talk. Extensive discussions between BT and OfTel, the telecommunications regulator, look as though they have paid off: yesterday's proposals on BT's pricing and fair trading may be enough of a compromise to avoid a lengthy and damaging reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and to give BT a price framework within which it can operate for the next five years.

Don Cruickshank, BT's regulator, seems to have achieved the impossible. With his latest and long-awaited price regime for BT, and the anticompetitive proposals to which he firmly linked the new prices, the director-general of the Office of Telecommunications appears to be pleasing everyone all the time.

Consumers liked it. BT's competitors liked it. BT's shareholders liked it. And BT? Given the strained state of relations between BT and the regulator, BT was never going to say it liked it. But not only was OfTel's new framework much better than BT had feared, it was sufficiently carefully balanced to make BT's decision about whether to refer it next month to the MMC a fine one.

The relaxation of BT's pricing regime, and the announcement that it is to end completely after 2001, appears, if it is accepted by BT's board on July 23, to be in sharp contrast with the state of all-but total war between other regulators and their utilities. Not just Claire Spottiswoode at Ofgas and British Gas, which is outraged at her tougher than expected price controls, but Ian Byatt at Ofwat hammering Yorkshire Water for its service failures last summer and even Stephen Littlechild at Offer disagreeing with some success about some of the integrated energy structure proposals from some electricity companies.

Earlier in the year, relations between BT and OfTel were said to be at an all-time low, and Don Cruickshank's name prompted little but exasperated frustration high up in BT's offices overlooking St Paul's Cathedral.

But the advent of Sir Peter Bonfield as BT's chief executive appears to have helped significantly in clearing the logjams with OfTel in nearby Ludgate Hill, and yesterday's announcement came after careful lobbying by BT, and patient and painstaking negotiations between the company and the regulator.

Senior BT officials made little secret of how high they saw the stakes. With a continuing need to invest in such expanding areas as the information superhighway in the face of accelerating international competition, BT said price controls could not be sustained at the level of the past six years. Sir Iain Vallance, BT's usually unflappable chairman, said that BT simply could not survive if the RPI-X price cap stayed at RPI-7.5 — that is, prices falling each year by 7.5 per cent in real terms. In the negotiations which have run through-



Sir Iain Vallance may be content not to put a call through to the MMC

out the year, OfTel is understood to have favoured a price cap with an X figure of 5 per cent to 9 per cent. BT urged that it should be no more than 3 per cent to 4 per cent.

Yesterday's figure of RPI-4.5 looks, then, like a classic compromise. But John Butler, BT's director of regulatory affairs, says: "Unsophisticated observers might say that 4.5 sounds less than 7.5. But it is a tough cap."

BT claims that because the price cap is directed at only residential customers, and just the low-spending among them at that, it will actually be tougher than the 7.5 cap, because it will apply more to local calls than long-distance and international connections, where prices have already been cut. Mr Butler says: "It is tough on BT, and tough on the industry — especially on those companies who supply services to residential customers." Mostly, that still means BT, and largely BT alone. Structurally, the

telecoms market in Britain is fundamentally different from even 1990, when the BT-Mercury duopoly was ended. Now, there are 18 fixed-link operators, including BT, Mercury, Energis and Ionica; four mobile networks; and more than 100 cable franchises able to offer phone services.

But in terms of market share, little has changed to match such structural rearrangement. According to OfTel, BT still controls 80 per cent of the UK market, with some 27 million customers. OfTel says Mercury accounts for 240,000 customers, and the cable companies together some 870,000.

Thought BT accepts that the cable companies in particular are picking up about 50,000 customers every month as more areas are linked up to cable services, and that its own residential line connections have fallen by some 113,000 over the 12 months to the end of March, it believes that too many custo-

mers are coming back to BT after an initial dalliance with cable, with their recapture assisted by some pointed, and highly price-focused, advertising.

While OfTel suggested yesterday that by 2001, BT's market share is likely to be about 65 per cent — slightly higher than BT's own and other industry estimates — consumer groups were sceptical. Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, said: "It still looks as if BT will have a virtual monopoly on the calls market in four years' time."

With some consumer bodies calling for a one-off cut in domestic bills, their welcome for OfTel's announcement yesterday was guarded — but a welcome nonetheless, especially for its focus on domestic customers. Ms Evans said: "For too long, business customers have benefited far more than domestic customers from price reductions."

Not any more. OfTel's new regime means that only 26 per cent of BT's revenues will be price-capped, as opposed to 64 per cent now. Price controls will apply to only those areas where OfTel judges consumer protection is still needed: low to medium-spending residential customers, and small businesses.

Thus, BT's main profit areas will be free from price controls — and profits last year were £3.02 billion, up 13 per cent and well ahead of market expectations. Peter Howell-Davies, Mercury's chief executive, called this a "more focused approach to price controls" by OfTel and welcomed it. OfTel sees it as a balance, Mr Cruickshank said: "It gives residential customers a substantially better deal than they have had before without making assumptions about market growth or BT's ability to improve its efficiency which would put the development of the industry at risk."

But crucial to OfTel's proposals is the sting in the tail of new powers on fair trading. OfTel was at pains to emphasise the linkage between its proposals to introduce new requirements into BT's licence and the more relaxed price controls. The deal being offered to BT could barely be clearer: a better than feared price regime in return for potential powers that BT says are unacceptable but may now find it can live with.

Certainly, BT leaders yesterday were as unapologetic as possible about their threat of an MMC reference. The best guess in the industry is that after the lengthy talks between company and regulator, the OfTel package will be enough to avert one — avoiding plunging the entire UK telecoms industry into a year-long limbo at a time of continuing rapid international advancement.

BT will use the month-long consultation period to try again to swing OfTel away from changes to the current licence on new fair trading powers towards separate legislative proposals on the issue — which, given the Government's supermodel-slim majority and the imminence of a general election, would effectively mean kicking it well into touch for a long while. Mr Cruickshank may well not be for turning. Calling the fair trading conditions an "indivisible part" of the price-control proposals, he fights the whole package neatly: "This is actually more about pricing freedom than price control." It is now up to BT to decide whether that is enough.



JANET BUSH

New Labour, strong pound

British manufacturing shows its sharpest fall in May since September, 1992. Another Conservative minister resigns because of an extra-marital affair. A Gallup survey finds that British people are filled with unprecedented gloom about virtually every aspect of life. This triple whammy of bad news should have had pin-striped Conservative loyalists dumping sterling all over the Square Mile.

Far from it, the pound held steady as a rock yesterday. The pound has gained about 8 per cent against the mark from its lows earlier this year. That tells a story about the weakness of the German economy and its satellites on the boulder-strewn road to European monetary union, as aspiring entrants engage in a co-ordinated deflation in order to meet the Maastricht deficit criteria. Increasingly, the market perception is that EMU may well happen but it will be a far softer version of what was envisaged because of deficit difficulties. That promises little support for continental currencies.

With its opt-out from the single currency, Britain can avoid this mess. Despite a sense of desperation in manufacturing, the economy is rolling along in a modestly satisfactory fashion — at least in comparison with European competitors and at least in the short term. This would account for some of sterling's bounce.

But sterling is also at a three-month high against the dollar. Something has changed and it appears to be new Labour. For the first time in memory, Labour may be able to breathe a little easier about currency traders. The Conservative party may have to cede its traditional advantage of having the wide boys on its side.

The morning note to clients from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell yesterday made doleful reading. Noting that the pound was a shade lower first thing, it said: "The resignation of the Welsh Office Minister Richards is certainly an embarrassment for the Government. Since, however, he remains an MP this provides no more than a convenient excuse for profit taking following last week's

impressive rally." So much for turmoil within government as a fundamental factor in sterling's performance.

The Gallup poll may show a Britain sunk in despondency about the economy and society. But with their knack of looking beyond the immediate, the currency markets are positively sanguine about the future if that means a Labour government with a large majority. Citibank is typical of current thinking. It is telling clients: "A key factor in changing perceptions on sterling is the idea that the political situation can only improve from here. The next government, widely anticipated to be Labour, is expected to have a more stable majority than this one. This is seen as a big plus for sterling."

Ian Shepherdson, chief UK economist at HSBC Markets, dates sterling's revival from Tony Blair's speech to the great and good of Wall Street which was successful in burying the idea of Labour as tax and spend big boys and reassuring investors that new Labour would pursue orthodox macroeconomic policies. Few market die-hards may not like a Labour government but their fears have diminished. He believes that, as a big Labour majority becomes more likely, so the pound will rise further.

Another element of this unaccustomed love affair between sterling and Labour comes back to Europe. Although all of this is highly speculative and some time off, new Labour is deemed more likely to join an ERM II than any Conservative Government. This too, is supporting the pound.

It is irritating for the Chancellor. In spite of his protestations to the contrary in *The Times* last week, the pound's rise makes it more difficult for British firms to export to Europe. If prolonged, it also brings greater risks to his strategy of relying on consumer spending to keep the economy growing via a worsening trade balance. Most galling, though, is having to admit the nation's virility symbol is rising through the blandishments of rival suitors.

Sara McConnell on housing investment trusts

Tempting institutional investors into the private rental market

The Stock Exchange is ready to allow housing investment trusts a listing in London without the usual three-year qualifying period in an effort to encourage support from investors.

The proposal is contained in a consultation document put forward by the exchange last week. The results should be enshrined in the Yellow Book guidelines for directors in the autumn. The legislation to allow housing investment trusts is contained in the new Finance Act.

Housing investment trusts, which were first proposed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in the Budget last year, form an important part of the Government's continuing attempt to expand the private rental sector.

They will be quoted companies that invest mainly in residential freehold and long leasehold property to let. To qualify for an immediate exchange listing they will have to hold at least 75 per cent of their gross assets in property and will need net assets of at least £30 million at time of listing. The aim of setting up such trusts is to tempt institutional funds into the rental market.

For many years the rental sector has been adversely affected by policies that promoted home ownership. Although the Conservatives made some moves belatedly in the late 1980s to expand the private rental sector, it was not until the housing market slumped in the 1990s that the limitations of owner-occupation became evident.

The slump may have broken down one of the biggest blocks to an expanded private rental sector — the perception that



A Barratt housing development in St George, Bristol, aimed at first-time buyers

renting must be avoided at all costs. Growing numbers of people are now renting where once they would have bought, unwilling to commit themselves to long-term borrowing in an uncertain market.

The supply of homes for rent is temporarily buoyed up by people letting because they cannot sell. But this phenomenon will not last in a recovering market and the Government is desperately searching for a more permanent supply of rental accommodation.

In theory, this is where housing investment trusts come in. Potential managers and lenders are enthusiastic about the idea, but they have serious reservations about some of the details.

The Government has decreed that the value of houses in trust portfolios must be limited to £85,000 per property

outside London and £125,000 in London, which potential players in the market say is too low to be able to make volume savings on buying or managing the property.

Astute management will be a key to generating the sort of rental yields likely to interest institutional investors. But Charles Fry, chief executive of Johnson Fry, a specialist in managing property for rent, suggests that even with good management, yields are not going to be high enough without extra tax breaks to tempt investors to put up the money in the first place.

But the Government still has vivid memories of the Business Expansion Scheme. Generous tax breaks encouraged private investors to put money into companies that in later years invested in property for rent in a similar way to

the proposed trusts. But companies now find themselves unable to sell their properties and pay back investors who were expecting a rich dividend after five years. The Government is reluctant to offer further tax breaks.

The Government also refuses to sanction the purchase of BES companies by trusts on the ground that they break the rule that properties have to be vacant or on short-term tenancies.

Housing researchers believe the first-time market is changing and that many starter homes will be bought by investors wanting to let them and benefit from the rental income. Yolande Barnes, head of research at Savills, says: "First-time buyers' properties will be stuck for longer. Their best hope is in interest from the private rented sector."

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Small gains in thin trading

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1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
58	22	20	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
59	47	47	Beck's	47	0	6.2	15.1
60	10	10	Carlsberg	10	0	12.8	9.9
61	10	10	Heineken	10	0	11.2	11.1
62	10	10	Interbrew	10	0	11.2	11.1
63	10	10	Karlsberg	10	0	11.2	11.1
64	10	10	Heineken	10	0	11.2	11.1
65	10	10	Interbrew	10	0	11.2	11.1
66	10	10	Karlsberg	10	0	11.2	11.1
67	10	10	Heineken	10	0	11.2	11.1
68	10	10	Interbrew	10	0	11.2	11.1
69	10	10	Karlsberg	10	0	11.2	11.1
70	10	10	Heineken	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
71	10	10	BANKS				
72	10	10	Bank of America	10	0	11.2	11.1
73	10	10	Citigroup	10	0	11.2	11.1
74	10	10	Wells Fargo	10	0	11.2	11.1
75	10	10	JP Morgan Chase	10	0	11.2	11.1
76	10	10	Bank of Montreal	10	0	11.2	11.1
77	10	10	Bank of Toronto	10	0	11.2	11.1
78	10	10	Bank of Nova Scotia	10	0	11.2	11.1
79	10	10	Bank of the West	10	0	11.2	11.1
80	10	10	Bank of the South	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
81	10	10	BREWERS, PUBS & REST				
82	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
83	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
84	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
85	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
86	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
87	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
88	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
89	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1
90	10	10	Anchor Brewing	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
91	10	10	DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS				
92	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
93	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
94	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
95	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
96	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
97	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
98	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
99	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1
100	10	10	3M	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
101	10	10	ENGINEERING VEHICLES				
102	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
103	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
104	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
105	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
106	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
107	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
108	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
109	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1
110	10	10	Ford	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
111	10	10	FOOD MANUFACTURERS				
112	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
113	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
114	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
115	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
116	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
117	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
118	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
119	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1
120	10	10	Unilever	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
121	10	10	ELECTRICITY				
122	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
123	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
124	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
125	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
126	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
127	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
128	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
129	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1
130	10	10	Edison	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
131	10	10	ELECTRONIC & ELECT				
132	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
133	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
134	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
135	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
136	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
137	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
138	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
139	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1
140	10	10	Intel	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
141	10	10	BUILDING & CONSTRUCT				
142	10	10	Bechtel	10	0	11.2	11.1
143	10	10	Bechtel	10	0	11.2	11.1
144	10	10	Bechtel	10	0	11.2	11.1
145	10	10	Bechtel	10	0	11.2	11.1
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1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
151	10	10	BUILDING MATERIALS				
152	10	10	Weyerhaeuser	10	0	11.2	11.1
153	10	10	Weyerhaeuser	10	0	11.2	11.1
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160	10	10	Weyerhaeuser	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
161	10	10	ENGINEERING				
162	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
163	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
164	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
165	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
166	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
167	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
168	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1
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170	10	10	Boeing	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
171	10	10	CHEMICALS				
172	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
173	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
174	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
175	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
176	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
177	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
178	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
179	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1
180	10	10	Dow Chemical	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
181	10	10	DISTRIBUTORS				
182	10	10	Wal-Mart	10	0	11.2	11.1
183	10	10	Wal-Mart	10	0	11.2	11.1
184	10	10	Wal-Mart	10	0	11.2	11.1
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190	10	10	Wal-Mart	10	0	11.2	11.1

1996	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Yield	P/E
191	10	10	PHARMACEUTICALS				
192	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
193	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
194	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
195	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
196	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
197	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
198	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	11.1
199	10	10	Pfizer	10	0	11.2	

■ VISUAL ART 1

Thin stuff, but magnificent: Scotland enjoys the finest Giacometti show for decades



■ VISUAL ART 2

... while Balraj Khanna's joyful and playful brand of Surrealism is paraded on the South Coast

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■ TOMORROW

Hans Werner Henze at 70: the Aldeburgh Festival celebrates Germany's foremost composer

Fat tribute to master of the bare essential

The etiolated figures presiding over the superb Giacometti retrospective at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, the most comprehensive British survey of his achievement for 30 years, first appeared in the late 1940s when the Swiss-born artist was already middle-aged. Erect, stoical and alarmingly anorectic, they are the images which furnish Alberto Giacometti's art with its central identity.

But the Edinburgh exhibition discloses that the origins of his obsession can be traced as far back as his early years in the tiny village of Stampa, his childhood home. Giacometti's father Giovanni, a distinguished artist in his own right, continually asked his children to pose for him: he did not prevent his young models from moving around. Giacometti, however, had stern expectations. His youngest brother Bruno dreaded the days when he had to pose for the 15-year-old Alberto. "As soon as he found himself in front of a model, he became a kind of tyrant," Bruno recalled. "You weren't allowed to move an inch."

The adolescent drawings at the start of this show do not, of course, possess the intensity of Giacometti's later work. But in their clear-eyed gravity, and preference for a sober frontal pose, they do prophesy the portraits he would produce in his ramshackle Paris studio 30 years later. For the older Giacometti made even more exacting demands on his models: "He expected them to sit motionless for hours at a time, while he incessantly repainted their features."

By then, Giacometti had committed himself to the steady, arduous exploration of observable form. This preoccupation would remain constant until he died, but his earlier Paris years were devoted to very different ways of working. Although the links between the Stampa period and his late years may seem evident now, Giacometti turned against the art of his youth soon after moving to

Richard Cork reviews Edinburgh's superb Alberto Giacometti retrospective

Paris in 1922. He subsequently claimed that a defining moment in his life had occurred during a tour of the Tyrol and Veneto area the year before. His Dutch companion, Peter van Meurs, died suddenly on the second night of their journey. And Giacometti, shocked by this stark confrontation with mortality, became obsessed by death.

He certainly looks sombre enough in a diligent 1923 self-portrait. Now the pupil of Bourdelle, widely regarded as Rodin's most impressive successor, Giacometti appears the epitome of a hard-working student. Despite his conscientious air, though, he soon began to entertain subversive ideas. As if bent on breaking away from the influence of his father, who was wedded to a neo-Impressionist idiom, he explored the possibilities of Cubism.

Jettisoning careful scrutiny of the posed model, he turned instead to, surprisingly sturdy structures. In *Composition (Man and Woman)* for a moment, he looked like the heir of Lipchitz and Laurens, who had pioneered Cubist sculpture at its most compact in the pre-1920 period. But he also allowed Mexican art to inspire his "primitive" bronze called *The Couple*, while an outstanding *Spoon Woman* possibly owes a debt to the grain spoons carved by the Dan tribe of Western Africa. By placing so much emphasis on hollowed-out form in *Spoon Woman*, Giacometti showed an awakening interest in robbing figures of their

substance. As yet, there is no real inkling of his later fascination with thinness.

Instead, sexuality becomes violent in the bayonet-like thrust of the phallus in *Man and Woman*. Giacometti soon found himself attracted to the disturbing ideas of Surrealism, and morbid humour emerges in the title of *Disagreeable Object*, to be *Thrown Away*. Here a horn-shaped form again suggests a fusion of eroticism and aggression. By this time, he later explained, "it was no longer the exterior form of things that interested me but rather what I felt in my own life."

At the same period, though, his sculpture reached a peak of convulsive horror in *Woman with her Throat Cut*. The splayed legs suggest that she was raped before the V-shaped neck wound ended her life. Possibly inspired by Jack the Ripper stories, it is by far the most unnerving of all Giacometti's images. But the sense of disgust affecting his jagged handling of the violated body did not last long. *Walking Woman*, likewise made in 1932, is a sublime and tender figure whose slim elongation does anticipate his post-1945 sculpture.

In 1939 his brother Bruno, now a prominent architect, invited him to display a sculpture in the middle of a pavilion at an important Zurich exhibition. Rather than producing a monumental bronze, Giacometti arrived with a sculpture no more than a few centimetres in height. Smallness persisted during the war years, and when he finally managed to work in larger dimensions the figures became disconcertingly thin. It is as if Giacometti, in his determination to push towards the heart of his singular art, purged his images of everything except their emaciated essence.

To judge by the Edinburgh exhibits, 1947 was his annus mirabilis. *Standing Woman (Leon)*, with rigid arms culminating in hands that clutch her thighs for support, stands to attention. She is verging on the skeletal, and resembles a victim barely able to sustain her existence after the suffering of war. But her stiffness implies resilience as well, and Giacometti's male figures of 1947 undoubtedly have the capacity to survive.

With these marvellously expressive and haunting figures, Giacometti had likewise found a way forward. The rest of the survey shows how he refined and extended the discoveries of 1947, bringing together several figures without alleviating their innate isolation and experimenting, at times, with poses as exclamatory as *Man Falling*. Whether walking in a transparent box between houses or stranded high above the wheels of an archaic chariot, these frail yet obstinate presences are perhaps the most haunting human images in postwar European art.

● Alberto Giacometti is at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh (0131-556 8921) until Sept 22



Among the most haunting images in postwar European art: Giacometti's *Woman of Venice III*, bronze, 1956

Two cultures meet in myth and magic

Alison Beckett on an Indian painter with a liking for the English coast



Balraj Khanna's *Out of the Blue* (1987): a playful, distinctive Surrealism that is joyous and uplifting

Balraj Khanna's paintings have been likened to those of Klee and Miro. But Khanna's playful Surrealism is immediately recognisable as his own, joyous and uplifting whether on the walls of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, or the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill, East Sussex, where an exhibition of his latest work has launched the rescue of this forgotten 1935 people's palace as the arts centre of the South Coast.

Khanna has a great affinity with this coast. He grew up in the Punjab, and Brighton was the first beach he ever saw. His painting of it in 1992, 30 years later, shimmers with sky, sea and sand merging into one, populated with exuberant, prismatic motifs and fish-like, bird-like and semi-human forms floating and spinning across the canvas.

The surfaces of saturated colour are achieved by spraying paint in layers over a canvas covered with sand, and glued with string and cut-out shapes. Khanna's symbols represent his own lyrical world, his stuff of dreams, developed after he came to London in 1962 and taught himself to paint.

His pictorial language is based on childhood memories. But that did not mean painting fisherwomen on the Malabar Coast or tigers and elephants in the jungle of Mysore, as says Khanna, Indian artists at home were expected to do. He opted for modernism, only to find that London dealers in the Sixties also thought this exclusively a "white man's art."

When he finally persuaded a Mayfair dealer "just to look" at one of his pictures, the

dealer was "too busy" to be disturbed, and Khanna, realising he was about to miss his date with "a beautiful young Frenchwoman," sadly ditched the masterpiece in the Grand Union Canal.

However, the woman became his wife, he continued to paint, and became chairman of the Indian Arts Council in Britain and a novelist as well. His pictures are now in major collections worldwide. *Lake in Winter* is one of many paintings of his favourite pond on Hampstead Heath. He says: "Initially I was quite surprised to see all the roads in London were tarmac or paved. I had to go to the park to feel the earth beneath my feet and re-establish contact with nature."

A recent holiday in Greece reminded Khanna of earlier summers, which were extremely fierce, the earth parched, the countryside "like a tandoor," people, animals and birds wilting and dying. At last when the clouds start building the mood changes in anticipation of the imminent monsoon and, as portrayed in

his painting *It's coming*, there is a great celebration of life.

The places that Khanna knew best, such as Simla, were like small English towns "transported to the Himalayan heights". His memories are of brightly coloured toys and kites, and of local folk traditions. Regular visitors included the travelling *jadugar* or *madari wala*, magician or juggler, whose various entourage brought an exotic aura to Khanna's surroundings, just as at the turn of the century travelling circuses captivated the young Legar.

The Jadugar, as one picture is entitled, has become a particular feature of Khanna's current work. The magician also appears as *The Lion Man*, because as any Punjab child knows, a *jadugar* can transform himself into an animal simply by dressing the part. Disbelief is suspended in sleep. But then, says Khanna: "An artist must delight himself before he can expect to delight anyone else."

● Balraj Khanna, *De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea* (01424 212023), until Thursday

Prunella Clough's paintings still wrongfoot viewers

Canvas with discretion

Prunella Clough has been painting for decades. *Sacha Craddock* writes. The exhibition at Camden Arts Centre provides a welcome opportunity to take a fresh look at her work, and to introduce it to another generation. Clough is now in her seventies: still vigorous, rigorous and adventurous, she was finishing the final paintings in this show right up to the last minute before they left for the gallery.

Clough was given a retrospective at the Whitechapel Gallery as long ago as 1960, which consisted of more than 60 paintings (they were much smaller then) from a more obviously figurative period. Despite the accolades she has received at key points in her long career, Clough's work remains a sort of open secret: much revered by her fellow painters; enthusiastically followed by some collectors, largely overlooked by others.

There are several possible reasons for this. Her work is discreet, slightly apart, unclamouring, which does not mean that it is in any way

gentle or shrinking in demeanour. Like many women of her background and upbringing she does not believe in seeking attention but has maintained instead a dignified anti-biographical stance. She is loath to explain her own work, firmly believing that art must speak for itself. The voices she uses are both varied and distinctive.

The main light-washed white gallery at Camden is full of paintings covering a period from the late 1970s through to last month. Each is quite different from the others, which is neither as obvious nor as usual as it may seem. They are not abstract as such, in that somewhere in each of them Clough deploys an image from life, yet the purpose of the imagery is not illustration or narrative. Clough is fascinated with some of the insignificant objects that litter everyday life: there are suggestions of toys, tin trays and tables, drawn over and over, distributed over the canvases in a peculiarly unpictorial and even deliberately displeasing manner. The result is a playful

wrongfooting of the viewer that becomes apparent when a number of Cloughs are seen together.

The paint is thin, the drawing graphic, almost printed, in quality. The surfaces are built up using a multitude of methods. Clough prints, stamps, collages, shifts and transfers from one painting to another. Each painting is made up of an image that seems to have floated in from elsewhere on to a shallow ground. The colour, too, is unusual: graphic monochrome: fine black outline; light-on-dark; sparkling, multi-coloured broken areas held within muted grounds — none of this comes straight from the tube.

Instead of painting with virtuoso ease, Clough deliberately sets herself visual and conceptual problems. In doing so, she produces paintings of quality and intelligence that remain strikingly contemporary in their needs and understanding.

● Prunella Clough at Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (0171-855 2645) until June 30

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IT TAKES time for the lines of tentative broken detail to surface and emerge from the dirty white or beige blur in Simon Callery's work. Callery scrapes painted trails, moving up, down and across the surface. Colour is faint — vague brown, red or grey washes make up a tone that looks natural, or at least as if it has been arrived at naturally. Fine focus and complete generality engage in a constant ruse for attention. From far away the effect is of a worn and used surface built up through attention and labour, while from close up the detail appears as relaxed as trickled wet sand that has settled. These are adamantly undramatic paintings that nevertheless convey a strong sense of independent purpose.

Simon Callery at Anthony Wilkinson Fine Art, 3-4 Mallow Street London EC1 (0171-831 4269) until June 22

□ JOHN WILKINS has been drawing a particular sausage shape over his canvases for years. Obsession can introduce an element of tension into an artist's work but in this case there is none. Yet, strangely enough, such an attitude or method does not betray a lack of purpose or preclude possible

AROUND THE GALLERIES

development. The recurrent cartoon shape, lightly drawn and deliberately meaningless, appears nonchalant, detached and skittish. In the case of *Floating Gently*, the simple shapes seem to fall like a series of bombs from the body of an aircraft. The black background gives the impression of depth; of photographic emulsion ploughed up with skidded traces, like the pockmarked face of the moon after the spacecraft has departed.

John Wilkins, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 5 Dering Street London W1R (0171-491 0621) until June 22

□ THREE large paintings by Chris Ojili use a combination of paint, collage, resin and elephant dung to make fine decorative constructions. The pictures look like a cross between 1970s soul album covers, African painting, Catholic icons and furnishing fabric. Tiny beads of paint build up filigree and winged sections in *The Holy Virgin Mary*; a mountain of raiment is made up of details cut from photographic

magazines held behind translucent layers of resin. Ojili punctuates the precariously balanced surface image with elephant dung, also fixed with resin. He uses images that are highly obvious, writing the names of black heroes while juggling a plethora of imagery in order to build a visual whole. It is a virtuoso act.

Chris Ojili at Victoria Miro Gallery, 21 Cork Street, London W1 (0171-734 5082) until June 21

□ SLABS, metal books and a washed-down floor in the interior of Smithfield meat market have been photographed by Catherine Yass to make an intimate group of backlit transparencies currently on show at Laure Genillard. Each picture has an air of overblown intensity about it. Blue burn-out flares up within the image, heightening the impact. The only corpse in any of the pictures — that of a rabbit or hare — bears more relation to still-life painting than to photographic documentation.

Catherine Yass at Laure Genillard Gallery, 32a Foley Street, London W1 (0171-436 2300) until June 22

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In order, no doubt, to bring some theatrical flair to the evening, the performance was preceded by Andrew Sharp's inevitably updated production of Mozart's little one-acter, The Impresario...

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Bang the drum, or sound an alarm?

YOU may not have noticed, but a month-long National Music Festival has just started. Backed by the Government, the Arts Council and the music business, it boasts more than 2,300 events during June. They range from a giant Hyde Park concert on June 29, by some of the biggest (and oldest) names in rock, to the Verdi Festival at Covent Garden, and from slick professional gigs to concerts by local choirs.

Supporters of the festival — led by its chairman, the pop promoter Harvey Goldsmith — claim that Britain at last has a proper showcase for its musical glories. Sceptics reply that most of the festival's performances would have happened anyway, and that the festival's complacent celebratory atmosphere is concealing a widespread anxiety about music-making in Britain.

Who is right? Richard Morrison presents two highly contrasting views of current British musical life, and (below) we invite your contributions to our Times Music Debate



As the ebullient Harvey Goldsmith says: "Four years ago, when we started the National Music Days, music was at a low ebb in Britain. The press had lost interest, there were no good British bands around, and we were in recession. Now, every one's interested in British music again."

British pop has certainly regained its flair after a grisly period in which the nihilistic influence of dreary grunge seemed to warp every creative spirit. Good songs, often peppered with wry social ironies, are prevalent. What's more, the new compositional confidence is mirrored in the classical field, where a clutch of youngish composers are pouring out music of great passion.

Despite all the scares of the recession, our orchestras and opera companies have survived. On shoestring budgets they still knock spots off many plushly subsidised continental rivals when it comes to versatility and panache. And in Andrew Davis, Simon Rattle, Colin Davis, John Eliot Gardiner, Paul Daniel and Mark Elder we have conductors who are the envy of the world.

The Wigmore Hall provides London with a magnificent parade of chamber music. Radio 3, despite the whinges of Gerald Kaufman and crew,

has fought off the BBC's philistine wing and maintained a music output of unsurpassed depth, while Classic FM has introduced thousands of new listeners to classic pleasures. And after years in the musical doldrums such venerable festivals as Edinburgh and Cheltenham are again displaying real imagination.

Our youth orchestras, bands and choirs consistently dazzle with their high standards. Our superb brass bands have confounded the pessimists by outwitting the traditional industries of mill and pit which supported them for decades. And the British choral scene is more richly varied than ever: to the austere

perfection of the famous Oxford Bridge ensembles and the thunderous impact of the big choral societies has now been added superb gospel choirs and barbershop groups.

Birmingham has acquired one of the world's finest concert halls, Liverpool's refurbished Philharmonic Hall is a delight. Manchester inaugurates its new Bridgewater Hall in September. Covent Garden is to be fabulously refurbished. And the lottery has also ensured that hundreds of ensembles, schools and colleges can upgrade their instruments and premises. The post-war renaissance in British musical life seems likely to mature into a golden age in the early 21st century.

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"If you are organising a big charity concert, you can't gamble," he says. Translation: get real: this isn't 1969, and Oasis aren't the Stones. Britpop may achieve the occasional blip in the international charts, but the future of pop as a global phenomenon lies almost wholly with American performers using Japanese equipment.

Wherever it comes from, though, pop's inability to shake off its apparently symbiotic relationship with drug culture casts a large shadow over the supposedly "responsible" music industry. While pop musicians glamorise drugs by word, song and deed, youngsters will continue to die in nightclubs.

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The saddest aspect of the musical scene, however, is that despite government pledges no lottery money has yet been diverted to the vital matter of music education. While the Arts Council, the Heritage Department and the Education Department pass the buck, several generations of state-school pupils have grown up believing music to be an impenetrable foreign language.

Many orchestras and opera companies, backed by enlightened charities such as the Hamlyn Foundation, are making determined efforts to woo younger listeners. But they can only make a small difference. What's needed is a national campaign. We still produce wonderful young performers — but increasingly it is only children from middle-class families who can afford instruments and tuition.

That is what rings hollow about a national festival celebrating our music-making. Our musical life could be so much better.

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CONCERTS: An orchestra revived in London; uplifting pop in Dublin

Playing up the future

RPO/Gatti
Barbican

IT WAS only a month or two ago that morale at the Royal Philharmonic seemed at an all-time low. Managers, music directors and players were leaving in droves, and musical standards plummeted accordingly. It may be premature to sound the all-clear, but Thursday night's concert at the Barbican gave cause to hope for a brighter future.

Daniele Gatti is still only music director-designate, but he has wrought a profound change. The ranks of the strings have been reorganised, with more skilled players finding themselves promoted to the front desks, and there is a new discipline, an alertness that was unmistakable from even the opening chords of Schubert's *Rosamunde* overture. Gatti has put a spring in their step, and the dance rhythms positively bounced along.

The probing performance of the *Unfinished Symphony* that followed was all the more remarkable for the fact that it had not been in the original

programme. Before succumbing to illness during the day, Amanda Roccoft was due to have sung Beethoven's scena *Ahi perfido*, and the orchestra was still preparing the substituted symphony shortly before the concert. But the dedication of Gatti and his players paid off. The second subject of the first movement had an affecting lilt, the dotted rhythm neatly pointed each time it was repeated. There was also a striking contrast between the portentous and the tranquil, eventually resolved in the latter's favour in the closing bars.

It would be misleading to suggest that the orchestra had solved all its technical problems, and in Mahler's Fourth Symphony there were some unfortunate lapses in ensemble and tuning. Gatti's individual handling of Mahler has a number of virtues. Something doesn't quite ring true, however, and I think it is a reluctance on Gatti's part to trust his instincts. With Mahler everything is heart-on-sleeve: the rawness and vulgarity of spontaneous passion are to be revelled in, not fought shy of.

Nevertheless, this was a performance that had much to offer, and the Danish soprano singer Dan-Jensen, standing in at short notice, made a striking impression in the finale. She seemed the very embodiment of the "heavenly joys" of which the verses speak.

BARRY MILLINGTON

A spirit not of earth

Dead Can Dance
Dublin

SINCE Brendan Perry and Lisa Gerrard formed Dead Can Dance in 1981, they have been making some of the most uplifting, spiritual and, as the name hints at, transcendent music of our time.

The show, in the plush surroundings of the Olympia Theatre, marked the beginning of a three-month world tour to promote *Spiritchaser*, their seventh studio album for cult indie label 4AD, which is released later this month. It was also their first-ever Dublin concert — which is a little surprising given that they are both of Anglo-Irish extraction and frequently record in Perry's own Cavan studio.

But from the moment Lisa Gerrard appeared on stage, resplendent in a flowing white dress and luminous green gown, and gracefully glided swan-like over to her *yang-ch'in* (that's Chinese dulcimer to you), I knew this was going to be something special. Looking for all the world like a high priestess re-enacting some sacred ritual from ancient times,

she sang like a woman possessed by a spirit that is not of this earth, but which paradoxically seems to encapsulate its essence.

This dynamic is at the heart of Dead Can Dance's music, that sense of journeying towards a hidden, inner self in order to move beyond it. Reflecting the increasing influence of North African and South American polyrhythmic percussion on their sound, as many as six backing musicians at any one time were pounding bongos, beating bass drums or shaking maracas, while the odd bouzouki and clarinet teamed up with the atmospheric keyboards and occasional slide guitar to overlay the melody.

But this being Dead Can Dance, there was a whole smorgasbord of musical styles on show, from Middle Eastern devotional music to the liturgical chants, with the cultural impact of Gerrard's upbringing in a Turkish-Greek community in Melbourne especially in evidence on *Rakim* and *Sanvean*.

Perry, who acted as musical director, even managed to slip in conventional folk tunes, strapping on his acoustic 12-string guitar for Fred Neil's nature romance, *Dolphins*, and his own love-lorn ode, *American Dreaming*.

They left to a standing ovation, the awe on people's faces suggesting that the evening had indeed been some sort of religious experience.

NICK KELLY

OR GLOOMY TALES OF AIRS ON A SHOESTRING

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Huge amounts of money are involved when the mega-rich divorce, says Chris Barton

Who gets richer when the rich split?

The decree absolute granted to the Duke of York last week generated much interest. But in cold financial terms the reported £2 million settlement barely makes the third division of the so-called "big money" divorce league.

INSIDE THE MAGIC CIRCLE

THEY are known to London's divorce solicitors as the "magic circle" and they represent the rich and famous - sometimes becoming friends of clients. They include: Fiona Shackleton (Farrer & Co) (Lady) Helen Ward (Manches & Co), Douglas Alexiou (Gordon Dadds), Charles Doughty (Withers), Ray Tooth (Sears Tooth), Jeremy Levison (Collyer-Bristow), Peter George (Charles Russell), Sandra Davis (Mishcon de Reya - Anthony Julius, the Princess of Wales's solicitor, is known chiefly as a litigator), Miles Preston (Miles Preston and Co).



Bob and Paula Geldof, top, Mick and Maya Flick, left, and the Duke and Duchess of York

months was awarded the modern-day equivalent of more than £16,000 in annual "alimony" and a lump sum of £50,000-plus. This "once a wife, always a wife" approach was the family law equivalent of "damages for breach of contract, designed to put the promisee in the position she would have enjoyed had the contract been honoured."

financial obligations towards each other should be terminated "as soon after the decree as the court thinks reasonable."

vants and flunkies to look after the house and kids". However, fellow family lawyer Margaret Bennett says: "The question is whether marriage is a partnership or an unequal relationship in which each party grabs what they can."

(now Lord Justice) Thorpe pointed out that the rich may be "difficult to restrain" and difficult to persuade that a cooperative approach may be in their own best interests, as well as those of the court.

Watch this space...

DAVID McINTOSH, the outspoken City solicitor, is to stand for election to the council of the Law Society. Mr McIntosh, 52, senior partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, is expected to be nominated by the current holder of the council seat for the City, Mark Sheldon, who is stepping down. Mr McIntosh, who regularly hits the headlines by attacking his colleagues in the City for lack of accountability over their fees, is equally critical of the current infighting at the Law Society. "If elected," he said, "I don't expect to stand alone within the Law Society in seeking to bring an end to pettiness and bickering."

OUTS

the first Margaret Howard Memorial Lecture (on Love Poetry and the Art of Advocacy). She was the mother of Gill Howard, who is an employment lawyer and colleague of Mr Julius's at Mishcon de Reya. Those his highly wrought arguments passed by could nonetheless not fail to be impressed that he obtained a doctorate (in T.S. Eliot and anti-Semitism) while successfully making his mark as a litigator. And he still finds time to lecture to UCL law students on the relationship between law and literature.



Julius also a lecturer

WHICH of the libel firms is likely to replace Stephens Innocent in acting for the National Union of Journalists? The firm, which has been dropped after a 15-year relationship with the NUJ, also acts for ITN, for whom the NUJ were not pleased to find it doing a good job in advising on how to end union bargaining. Other firms are throwing their hats in the ring.

the occasion to voice grievances. In stark contrast, the Law Society can expect at least one uncomfortable resolution at its AGM in July. The newly formed Solicitors' Association plans to call for a division of the Law Society's regulatory and trade union functions.

QUEEN'S COUNSEL cartoon strip with dialogue about legal representation and fees.

Lord Taylor is a hard act to follow

The holders of the office of Chief Justice over the past 900 years have often failed to satisfy the legitimate expectations of consumers of legal services. In 1350, Sir William Thorpe was convicted of accepting bribes. Sir John de Cavendish was murdered by a mob during Wat Tyler's rebellion in 1382. Sir Edmund Saunders (who held office in 1683) was "a ferid mass" whose lack of personal hygiene offended all who had the misfortune to enter his court.



DAVID PANNICK QC

with judges who have a particular expertise being used to decide cases in that area of the law. To appoint judges to sit full-time to hear judicial review applications would help to secure consistent standards (and so encourage parties to settle cases) and improve the quality of decision-making (thereby reducing the volume of appeals).

The new Lord Chief Justice, Sir Thomas Bingham, is likely to revive a traditional role of the holder of that office by hearing important civil cases at first instance. He should sit in the Divisional Court to resolve major judicial review challenges to government decisions, and to rule on contempt of court cases.

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Drawbacks of a longer day

Richard Holman
— a circuit judge
— argues the case
for the defence
against longer
working hours

The subject of the hours that courts sit is an old chestnut. But in a changing world it does no harm to revisit it, so the recent article by Joel Parkes (Law, April 16) is welcome in that it may stimulate debate. There is always room for improvement. But the only argument Mr Parkes advances in support of a 9am to 6pm court day is "the gain in justice to those who are innocent and awaiting trial in remand". He then suggests that the opposition in legal circles is based primarily on personal and selfish considerations.

The reality is more complex and the solution proposed has its pitfalls. First, one must consider the jurors. They carry a heavy responsibility for which they receive modest recompense. It is no easy task to concentrate on the evidence for lengthy periods. In a longer case I try (although not always successfully) to start at 10am so that the jury can have a refreshment break in mid-morning before resuming until lunch, with a similar pattern in the afternoon finishing at 4.30pm.

There is a real risk, if sitting hours are greatly extended, of the jury being asked to assimilate too much at a time with the consequent danger of injustice to the case. One must not forget, either, that jurors may have quite long journeys to and from court, particularly if using public transport, and will often have family commitments, so that a longer court day may place a wholly unreasonable burden on them.

What about witnesses? Although more is done for them nowadays, complaint is still frequently made that their interests are neglected. While I believe that more can be done, for instance in staggering attendance times, no case can be run to a precise timetable, so some waiting is inevitable. Longer court days may exacerbate the problem. Moreover, as with jurors, factors such as travel, family and work



A judge's day consists of more than sitting in court. The question of how many hours should be devoted to a trial is a complex one

requirements may be affected. Court staff cannot be overlooked. Sitting hours impinge on many of them, not just the court clerks who have duties outside the courtroom itself. I have little doubt that additional recruitment would be required, for which funding is unlikely to be available. There will inevitably be similar implications as far as security officers are concerned.

These difficulties have nothing to do with the personal comfort of barristers and solicitors, and when we look at their position there are again serious practical obstacles. Except in a truly massive case, no barrister or solicitor can deal exclusively with one case at a time and so it is not just a matter of preparing for the next day. There is paperwork on other cases to be processed; clients and witnesses to

be interviewed. Even now, conferences with counsel frequently take place outside normal hours. How is the lay client going to feel about a conference at 6.30pm or even later? And how effective is the conference going to be if counsel has been busy at court for nine hours?

Finally, there is the judge. I fear Mr Parkes has fallen into the trap of thinking that the judge's day starts when he enters court and ends when he leaves it. Judicial functions have to be performed in chambers before court starts. For example, there are bail applications; some evidence-gathering activities of the police require authorisation by a circuit judge; and increasingly public-interest immunity claims have to be considered. Some judges have admin-

istrative tasks, others have liaison duties with the Probation Service or a local magistrates' committee. There is also the not unimportant task of working on the summing-up as the trial in which one is engaged progresses.

By all means look at sitting times again. The Lord Chancellor's Department has commissioned a survey to test the public's response to evening and weekend sittings. The submission (of which I was a co-author) of the Council of the Manchester Law Society to the Civil Justice Review some years ago canvassed a modest increase in court hours.

The genuine obstacles which exist should not, however, be underestimated and there are, I suggest, other avenues which are more likely to be productive in terms of achieving the entirely

laudable objective of reducing delays between charge and trial. If the recently introduced plea and directions hearings work properly, the problem of "cracked" trials (where there is a guilty plea on the day of trial) should be greatly reduced and this in turn will free up time for genuine trials. Serious efforts should also be made to reduce the length of trials which in recent years have shown a distinct trend away from brevity. Most, if not all, judges have experienced cases where every little point, whether good or bad, is argued and the problem is compounded where there are several defendants. In these areas all parts of the legal profession have a vital role to play.

● The author is a circuit judge on the Northern Circuit. Before his appointment in September 1994 he was a solicitor practising in Manchester.

An opportunity beckons in Europe

Brush up on your Italian

In Turin today the new Italian Government is hosting a conference on the roles of education and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in regenerating the European economy. It is appropriate because the wealth of Italy has largely been created by the SME sector. For this reason UK law firms have found it hard to penetrate the Italian market.

The new Italian Government may, however, change all that. Under the premiership of Romano Prodi the faltering privatisation process is likely to be revitalised and key fields such as telecommunications should be opened up to competition. Above all, Italy is likely to become a more active member of the European Union.

Alessandro Bossi of the Milan law firm Bossi & Grondona says: "One of the consequences of the election is that Italy should become much better at implementing EC directives. I also expect that the renewed drive towards privatisation will lead to an opening up of the economy and much greater contact with overseas lawyers."



Prodi: new start

There is widespread expectation that Freshfields will open an office in Milan before the end of the year. The Clifford Chance, established in the country for a couple of years, has demonstrated that it is possible to run a successful Italian practice, if you have the right contacts.

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Dominic Pini of Pritchard, Englefield is chairman of the British-Italian Law Association. Most of his clients are in the SME sector. He says: "Small businesses welcome the new Government because they feel it will bring a period of stability and that is what they need to give them the confidence to invest."

Fabrizio Carpanini of Berwin

Leighton says: "When Italian companies see how simple and cheap it is to set up in the UK they are amazed. It is such a contrast with the complex bureaucracy they have to deal with at home."

Like other serious players on the Italian scene, Berwin Leighton has Italian-qualified lawyers on its team. Ms Vella Leone, a product of the Bologna Bar, recently joined its Brussels office, for example. Similarly Radcliffes Crossman Block, which has now decided the time is right to develop a strong Italian practice, has recruited Nello Pasquini, who is the first Italian lawyer to gain recognition as an English solicitor through the foreign lawyer transfer test. Mike Nathanson, who heads the Italian practice at Radcliffes, said that he and Signor Pasquini were in Milan in the week after the election to visit clients and he was most encouraged by the atmosphere in commercial circles.

As the honorary secretary of the London branch of the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy, Mr Nathanson hopes to see grow-

ing interest among UK firms in doing business in Italy. It is particularly significant that the Italian Government has appointed as its Minister of Public Works Antonio Di Pietro, the judge responsible for the "clean hands" anti-corruption campaign. Under his leadership there should be more scope for foreign companies to secure public contracts through open competition.

The only threat to this unfamiliar scene of Italian tranquillity lies in the militant separatist movement, the Northern League, led by Umberto Bossi. However, Alessandro Bossi (no relation) says that while northern Italians are understandably fed up with being taken for granted as the wealth creators of the country, the prospect of secession is not taken seriously by most business people.

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GOLF

Watson puts troubles behind him

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SUCH is the popularity of Tom Watson that a cheer went up all around the world at the news that, on Sunday, he had won a tournament — the Memorial at Dublin, Ohio — at last. It had been 140 tournaments and nine years since his previous victory and one had begun to doubt that the 46-year-old American, who won five Opens between 1975 and 1983, could win again.

Watson is a proper golfer who understands the rhythms of the game and one of the great agonies of golf recently has been watching him play so beautifully from tee to green and so wretchedly when he has a putter in his hands. One has lost count of the number of times Watson struck the ball well enough to win a tournament, only to put badly enough to lose it. Watson even coined a phrase for his hands when he felt they had betrayed him while putting. "My hammer mitts", he would call them.

Watson won by two strokes and it was a pleasing coincidence that he did so in the Memorial tournament, hosted by Jack Nicklaus, because these two icons of golf have been joined together in battle so often. Nicklaus called it the most thrilling win in golf in the past ten years. "From my win in the 1936 Masters to now, I haven't been happier for anyone," he said.

It was Watson's 33rd US Tour victory but, significantly, his first since the 1987 Tour championship. Watson has a son named Michael, who is 14, and not the least of his pleasures at winning after such a long time was that Michael was able to see it.

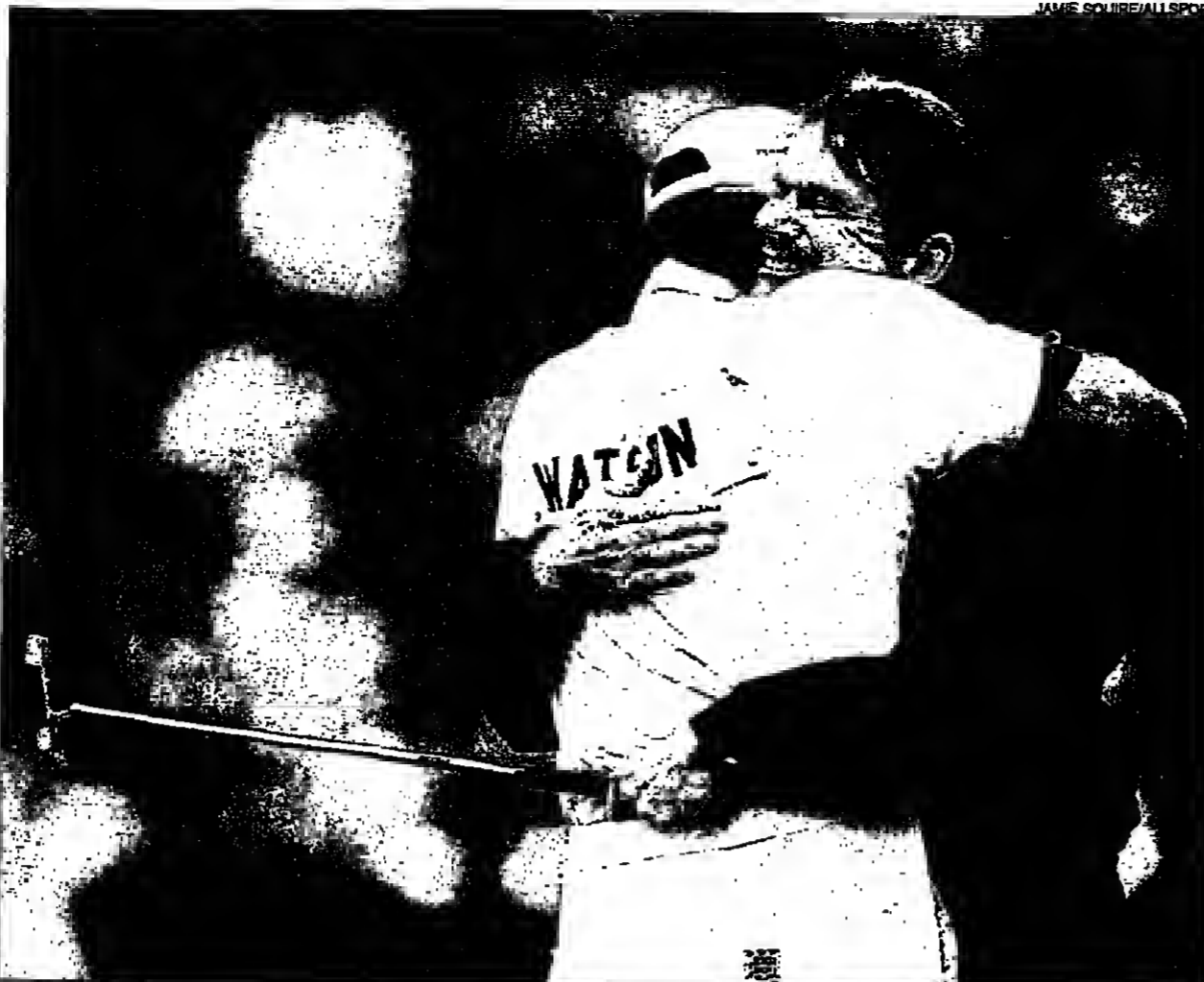
Watching Watson go through his agonies on the green, and resolutely insist that one day he would win again makes one suggest that

few competitors have shown so much positiveness and determination. He said he would never resort to any putting gimmicks; instead, he would persist with what he had. It had worked in the past, it would work again. Even when it patently was not working, he managed to convince himself that one day, somewhere, it would.

Sunday was that day. Victory was nearly snatched from him by David Duval, who was five strokes behind after 13 holes and only one behind as Watson played the 18th. Golf's tortuous gods played a cruel trick, before they rewarded Watson. His second shot ended 15 feet above the hole on a fast and slick green, the very green, in fact, on which Eamonn Darcy had holed from six feet to win the 1987 Ryder Cup for Europe.

The green slopes this way and that and is situated outside the clubhouse in a natural watching arena. Watson knew he had to get down in two putts to win. He would not have feared the first putt so much as the prospect of having to face a curling three-footer for the second. He need not have feared anything. His first putt rattled in to the hole and he had won by two strokes.

It could not have come at a better time for Watson. The US Open starts at Oakland Hills, Detroit, on Thursday week and this victory has given him a new lease of life. Perhaps an odd coincidence contributed to Watson's performance. Watson is an Anglophile and maybe he received a crumb of comfort from the fact that he won in a place called Dublin on a golf course called Muirfield Village. It was so named by Nicklaus after the site of his Open triumph in 1966 and Watson's in 1980.



Watson hugs Bruce Edwards, his caddie, after holing the putt that completed his first tournament win since 1987

No challenge to Swede's superiority

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA

THE 51st US Women's Open championship at Pine Needles is simply summed up: Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion, was too good for everyone else.

Laura Davies, who finished sixth, her best placing since she won the title in 1987, was nine shots adrift of the 25-year-old Swede and put it succinctly. "We all lost to a far, far better player. Annika was just in a different world. On a demanding course like this, she'd be my favourite most times."

On Sunday, Sorenstam also set lots of records in front of record crowds, one of the reasons the event will be back here in 2001. The organisers knew they had moved into the big time when a ticket tout appeared. A novice, he was disappointed to learn that he

was not needed — tickets were available at the gate.

Followed by her mother, father, aunt and fiance as well as 35,000 spectators, Sorenstam was metronomic, giving her pursuers no cause for hope — an eagle three at the 10th saw to that — and her supporters little cause for alarm.

Bogeys at the 13th and 14th were followed by birdies at the 15th and 16th, where her tee shot hit the pin. Her final round of 66, four under par, equalled the best in an Open; her total of 272, eight under, was the best by five shots; she became the first non-American and only the sixth woman to win successive Opens and the first prize of \$212,500 (around £140,000) was the biggest of her career. There were three Swedes in the top eight and six Europeans in the top 15, another record.

At The Broadmoor last July, Sorenstam started the final 18

holes five strokes behind Meg Mallon and won. This time, having gone on to sweep all the awards on offer in 1995 as No 1 on both the US and European tours, she began the last round leading by three and won by six from Kris Tschetter, the only other player to finish under par, who



Sorenstam: unflappable

also returned a 66 on Sunday. "Last year I felt I won because Meg made mistakes; this year I think I won because I played well," Sorenstam, who was physically sick after all the unaccustomed tension and attention ten months ago, said. Now, maturer and more relaxed, her aim is not further titles and awards, for she has enough of those to last two lifetimes, but to improve as a player, which, inevitably, will mean more trophies.

She is meticulous over statistics as well as being a dab hand on the computer keyboard. She and Colin Cann, the calm, composed caddie who complements her so well, reckoned she missed only four fairways all week.

"Need we ask?" the television people asked their on-course commentator late in the last round. "No," he said. "Straight down the middle."

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CRICKET

Yorkshire chase thwarted by steadfast Tufnell

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORDS (final day of four): Middlesex (24pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by 21 runs

YORKSHIRE batted so sensibly for so long in their second innings that this first championship defeat was all the more galling. It came brutally. Ramprakash hitting the stumps with a flat throw from point that beat Stemp's lunge for the crease. It was the third wicket to fall in successive balls, and the sixth in as many overs. Middlesex had won, to their own surprise, with ten balls to spare.

The crucial moment may well have come in the over after Bevan's dismissal. Blakey pummeled Tufnell to the mid-wicket boundary where Pooley held the sort of catch that is often missed. Yorkshire, admirably, refused to abandon the chase but they needed boundaries to keep up with the rate and lost Hartley, Morris and Gough in trying to find them.

Hartley, after striking

Tufnell twice to the Nursery End, picked him up to deep square leg where Ramprakash was waiting. Morris was bowled in Tufnell's next over and Gough, who tried to swipe everything, drove a catch to long-on. That wicket compensated Fraser for an "almost" catch two overs previously when Gough hit him hard to long-off where Fay failed to see the ball clearly and earned a heartfelt lashing from the bowler, amplified by Gating's fohorn tenor.

Tufnell bowled 43 overs unchanged and fully earned his four wickets. While took him on, lapping four sizes over the shorter Grand Stand boundary, and Blakey added another as the ball faded over Ramprakash's shoulder at deep square leg. Such punishment is all part of a spinner's day and, by the end of it, Tufnell could claim to have been avenged.

Bevan batted wonderfully to give Yorkshire a chance of winning and going top of the championship. Some of his strokes off the back foot could hardly have been bettered, particularly an on-side push for four off Fay that appeared to have little backlift and no great follow-through.

Yorkshire had begun the day on 14 without loss, needing a further 330. They lost McGrath, leg-before to the second ball of the day, and Byas, who was bowled by Follett when he appeared reared to the crease. At lunch, with Vaughan settling in to hold the innings together, they had established a good base from which to advance.

Vaughan was out in slightly unfortunate circumstances, bowled by Tufnell as he tried to sweep. The ball shot off his pad and dislodged the leg bail. The opener had served his side well, batting through 64 overs.

But Middlesex do not win championships by accident and after last week's shocking defeat at Horsham this will serve as a pick-me-up. On balance they deserved it, for all Yorkshire's gumption. It moved past his century from 133 balls, having hit a six and 15 fours.



Penberthy is caught by Piper, the wicketkeeper, off the bowling of Pollock

Reeve revels in victory romp

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Warwickshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets

WORDS such as doubt and depression have long been banned from the Warwickshire dictionary, so while the rest of the game debated their alleged decline, the champions appeared not to notice. Now we know why. There was not a trace of a team in regression as they crushed the side that they harried and hassled them at the top of the table last summer.

This was Warwickshire at their tenacious best. After four sessions of the match they were in such strife that another team would have wilted and died. Instead, from 118 for five, Warwickshire amassed 447, claimed a first-innings lead of 133 and left

Northamptonshire in a dispirited state that plainly demonstrated why, of these talented teams, one wins trophies and the other does not.

Dermot Reeve, the Warwickshire captain, was in his element here, never more so than during the altercations of the opening day, in which David Capel's bat was waved belligerently in his direction. "I found it an amusing incident," he reflected, which might be an attitude that finds favour in official quarters, but exemplifies his matchless ability to stay marginally within the laws while infuriating the opposition.

Reeve simply stood at slip and pulled the strings yesterday, when Northamptonshire extended their feeble second innings by only 53 minutes and 26 runs. They played resignedly, for the damage

had been done late on Saturday, and although Penberthy and Ripley took their eighth wicket stand to 70, it was no more than a gesture.

Two of the three remaining wickets fell to Shaun Pollock. Since taking four wickets in four balls on his astounding introduction to county cricket, Pollock has been subdued. He had taken only seven championship wickets before this game, so match figures of six for 127 were as welcome as his crucial century.

This win, however, owed most to Andy Moles, who batted through 460 minutes in Warwickshire's first innings. He lasted 448 minutes fewer yesterday, surviving two edges through the slips before being caught at silly point off Rob Bailey, leaving Wasim Khan to secure victory with a series of resounding blows.

Surrey fail to get to grips with last-wicket pairing

By IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (10pts) drew with Derbyshire (10)

THIS was a match Surrey quite unaccountably failed to win. There were 29 overs remaining when Dominic Cork was joined by Derbyshire's last batsman, Paul Aldred, who had just left hospital with a wrist so badly bruised that he was not expected to bat at all. Six of those overs were lost to rain and the rest were survived by this pair with a competence that amounted, at times, to insouciance.

Just how Derbyshire's innings had fallen away was hard to ascertain. Every false shot seemed to result in a wicket falling. Barnett went in the first over. Jones was out to a ball of full-length that he would often as not summarily stroke to the cover boundary, and numerous other batsmen gave slip-catching practice. Martin Bicknell took four wickets in ten balls before leaving the field with a groin strain. He was much missed.

It was a match in which there seemed to be endless injuries. Wells, as well as Aldred, was not properly fit to bat. Derbyshire are captained by a durable Australian these days, which meant that both were given little choice in the matter. Wells, who had a foot strain, had to be supported down the pavilion steps by his manager and, rather than hobble back for tea, had it brought out to the pitch, where he sat in a deckchair.

When he was out, having gamely batted for half an hour, Aldred came in nursing his wrist, which had been hit by a fierce drive from Brown earlier in the day. It did not seem to disconcert him. That he managed only seven runs was immaterial. He left anything wide of the stumps and played everything pitched up with a dead bat. Cork, who kept to his normal game, finished with an unbeaten 82 in two hours 22 minutes, including 18 fours.

Prior to that, Surrey had bowled and fielded smartly. Butcher held three catches at second slip, Bicknell cutting his pace to enable the ball to swing. It was not enough.

Azharuddin content to accept hot-seat on damp day

By PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (final day of three): Leicestershire drew with the Indians

THEY were burning effigies of Mohammad Azharuddin in the streets of Amritsar yesterday, but he shrugged off the news as lightly as he dismissed the bruised foot and sore elbow he suffered in this match.

It takes a lot to stir this most gentle of cricketers, although he was sufficiently moved to break his silence on the Navjot Singh Sidhu affair, which had caused such hostility towards the Muslim captain in the Sikh holy city, in a bid to clear the air before the first Test match starts at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Sidhu walked out on the team after being dropped for the third one-day international at Old Trafford last week, claiming that the last straw was when Azharuddin, seeing that he was padded up in anticipation of opening the innings, laughed at him.

"I would never do that, never, ever," Azharuddin said, and it was hard to believe him as he went on to talk about what he perceived as the jills of the game. These included people who throw rubbish on the field and people who retire ungraciously, such as Botham, Haynes and Prabhakar.

As far as Sidhu was concerned, he said that the player was told before the game that he was being dropped, an decision made purely on cricketing grounds. "The unnecessary controversy is only serving to detract from our prime task to win the forthcoming Test series," he said. They did not get much practice yesterday, though, as rain set in just as Azharuddin, who added 72 to his first-innings century before deciding that his elbow was too uncomfortable to continue, and Manjrekar, with a patient 65 not out, had put them in a position to set Leicestershire a decent target.

Magnificent Moody frustrated by rain

WORCESTER (final day of four): Worcestershire (8pts) drew with Hampshire (8)

A DAY that dawned full of hope — quick runs by Hick and Moody, a declaration leaving Hampshire a tough, but not impossible, run chase — ended in meaningless batting practice for Worcestershire (Jack Bailey writes). Two spells of rain immediately after lunch put paid to any sense of adventure that might have gripped Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, early on, and Hampshire were condemned to an interrupted day in the field.

Still, it's an ill wind ... Moody seized the opportunity to score an unbeaten century, most of his runs coming while there was still something in the match. At the same time, Rueben Sprigg took his total

of runs scored in this game to 226. He has now played ten first-class innings and has made a century and four other scores over fifty.

On a pitch that continued to favour the batsmen and the absence of Milburn from the Hampshire attack, everything was in favour of a run feast from Hick and Moody. Worcestershire's overnight batsmen, but Hick, looking somewhat uninterested, left early after hitting a shortish ball from Connor into the hands of mid-wicket.

This led nowhere for Hampshire, though. Moody, having added 32 to his overnight 35, appeared to give a catch to leg slip off Udal, but after that offered not a semblance of a chance as he moved past his century from 133 balls, having hit a six and 15 fours.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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By Raymond Keene

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Dixon out of action after fall

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

KAREN DIXON, a leading contender for the British Olympic three-day event team, cracked her shoulder blade while competing on Simply the Best at Maisons Laiffine, in France, at the weekend (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The young horse stopped at fence 18, a rail with a ditch below, and then jumped from a standstill, catapulting Dixon onto a bank.

Dixon, who was a member of the silver medal-winning team in Seoul and was the highest-placed British rider (sixth) in Barcelona, hopes to be fit in time to compete at the final trial at Hartpury, Gloucestershire on June 21.

Price too high Bows: John Price, the leading bowler in Wales, has withdrawn from next month's home international series in Belfast because he cannot afford to take more time off work as a DSS official.

Wales have chosen Mark Anstey to replace Price at skip, while David Howles is recalled at lead, and there are four new caps, Gareth Jones, Mark Lefman, Nigel Leigh and Alan Withers.

Security fear Cricket: Australia's entry into a four-nation tournament in Sri Lanka in August and September was yesterday thrown into doubt because of security fears.

In the money Sailing: Russell Coutts, of New Zealand, is on course for the richest prize in sailing after winning the Bruu Cup match-racing event in San Francisco on Sunday. Coutts needs to win one more of the events to claim a \$250,000 jackpot.

Douce chosen Cycle-cross: Steve Douce, who has been British cycle-cross champion seven times, has been named team manager of the national squad.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The extra chance on this hand was not easy to spot.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards: Dealer South, Game all, Rubber bridge. Cards: ♠ 874, ♥ 374, ♦ AK987, ♣ A4. Opponent: ♠ Q109, ♥ A8, ♦ Q32, ♣ 98785.

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: Two of hearts.

South opened One Club and rebid 1NT over North's One Diamond response. North raised to 3NT. East took the first heart with the ace and returned a heart to the jack and queen. Had the defence switched to spades at that point, declarer would have had no chance, but West cleared the hearts, with East discarding a club.

Now, after the jack of diamonds to the ace and a club back to the king, the declarer (Howard Cohen) ran the ten of diamonds. East won and returned a spade, so Cohen had only eight tricks — the club blockage prevented him from enjoying the ten of clubs.

As the cards lie, the winning play after the ace of diamonds is to play ace and king of clubs before taking the diamond finesse. The main hope is that the diamond suit runs for five tricks, but playing both high clubs first picks up the queen and jack are doubleton — in that case, declarer can cash the ten of clubs before finessing the diamonds. (Note that

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RUGBY UNION

Cooke in line to add spice at Bedford

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GEOFF COOKE, whose management skills helped to carry England to successive grand slams, could return to active participation in the sport if a special general meeting of Bedford's membership agrees on a restructuring of the club tomorrow.

Bedford has reached an agreement in principle to appoint Cooke as part-time director of rugby, and, with him, the mercurial Paul Turner who, as player-coach, has done so much to revitalise Sale.

However, their plans depend upon their 1,300 members accepting a joint venture with Sports Network Europe, a promotional firm that is prepared to inject £2.25 million into Bedford over the next five years, allowing the club to overhaul its administrative structure. In return for a 50 per cent shareholding.

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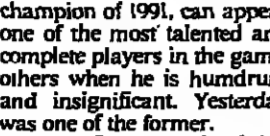
"What we are looking for is street credibility, to get people back into Bedford," Ian Bullerwell, the chairman, said.

The ability to offer Cooke and Turner as a potential package to members would be convincing evidence that the club means business.

Cooke resigned as England team manager in 1994, after nearly seven years in office, and, if he agreed terms with Bedford, would remain as chief executive of the National Coaching Foundation. Turner is still in dispute with Sale over his contract, which was terminated in May, although members are expected to voice their criticism of his dismissal at the annual meeting next week.

Stich strips Muster of clay-court crown

DAVID MILLER



At the French Open in Paris

THERE are days when Michael Stich, the Wimbledon champion of 1991, can appear one of the most talented and complete players in the game, others when he is humdrum and insignificant. Yesterday was one of the former.

In the finest match of this year's French Open championships by far, Stich defeated Thomas Muster, the defending champion, to reach the men's singles quarter-finals. Muster, seeded No 2 compared with Stich at No 15, was so comprehensively outwitted tactically that, when it was all over, he was not really sure how it had happened. He was reluctant to acknowledge how skilful Stich at times had been.

Losing the first set and seeming likely to be overpowered, Stich stealthily took the next two and came from 5-2 down in the fourth, crushing Muster in the tie-break by 7-1, to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6.

It was, in its way, as shrewdly executed an upset as when Arthur Ashe felled Jimmy Connors in the 1975 Wimbledon final.

Here was the clay-court master waiting at one end of the court, like some demon spider, for his opponent to reveal any sign of weakness, then to devour him mercilessly. Yet, to Muster's surprise, and ultimate dismay, it was Stich who wove the web.

Under a glorious summer sky of forget-me-not blue and drifting cumulus that would have inspired Van Gogh, there were single points, never mind single games, that were each a story in themselves, points of such spellbinding contrast in styles, such recovery and counter-attack by both players, that the prolonged applause on the Suzanne Lenglen Court would echo around the grounds of Roland Garros.

To neutralise Muster's power, Stich played every shot in the book, especially the fading backhand that gave Muster no pace with which to reply. Stich would keep his opponent on the baseline, push him

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from side to side, then hit sharp, flat forehands down the line or dipping cross-court backhands. He would further tease the robotic Austrian with devilish drop shots, so that, by the time Stich broke back for 5-4 in the fourth set, the muscular Muster was looking like the one recovering from injury.

"I didn't expect to get so far," Stich, who had badly damaged an ankle early in the season, said. "I didn't know if I should go to France and maybe look like an idiot or whether to get ready for Wimbledon. My game is based on serve and I had to serve well... not let him make me run, but to make him run."

Muster was hitting most of his looping, top-spin forehands too short. Less often, they would fall as deep as they usually do on other, better days, landing on the baseline, where they obliged his opponent to play what is almost a half-volley — and therefore uncontrolled — leaving Muster a winner on his next stroke. Instead, it was Muster who was having to chase.

Yet so fine were both players repeatedly cutting their margin that there was a profusion of net-cords, the ball repeatedly clipping the tape. Willingly, they put pressure on themselves in this thrilling duel.



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In Muster's eyes, he lost only because he was not his normal dominant self. It hurts to admit the other man might have been better. So gently suggested that perhaps he played too well for the world's recent No 1.

"I think he was feeling a little weak, under pressure," Stich said, "because he didn't have tough matches [earlier in the tournament]. I know he doesn't like to play me. Maybe he was not on top because I played different from anyone else."

Although Stich tended to hit one double fault for every three aces, his persistence in getting to the net, the more Muster became disorganised,

progressively brought reward from the second set onwards. Although Muster broke for 3-2 in the second set, Stich immediately broke back and took the set to level the match on his third set-point, four times coming into the net.

The third set ran away from Muster, but he was reinvigorated at the beginning of the fourth, leading 3-0 in a game that contained two stupendous rallies. Yet Stich's volleying was becoming a crucial factor. At 5-4, Muster was warned for verbal abuse, but no amount of swearing could halt the German's winning streak.

In the quarter-finals, Stich, who thus continues this year's advance of the serve-and-vol-

ley players, meets the surviving Frenchman, Cedric Pioline, who yesterday made short work of the promising young Marcelo Rios, of Chile, in their fourth-round encounter.

Goran Ivanisevic, the Croat who is moody even on his good days, slumped to defeat against Bernd Karbacher, of Germany, depressed by a bad blister, which had been sustained beforehand, and an early fall. Karbacher won in straight sets and now meets Marc Rosset, of Switzerland. Sadly, the Indian summer of Stefan Edberg was brought to an abrupt halt when he failed to take a set off Rosset.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (NFL): London 7 Barcelona 6

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NEWPORT: Welsh championships (women): 100m: T. Hutchings (Cardiff) 10.85sec; 200m: C. Turner (Cardiff) 23.15; 400m: L. Lloyd (Swansea) 48.29; 800m: A. Adams (Newport) 1:00.00; 1,500m: J. Ellis-Smith (Fargo) 3:50.71; 3,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 7:53.17; 5,000m: D. Jones (Bangor) 15:52.12; 10,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 32:54.12; 15,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 48:30.00; 20,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 1:03:00.00; 25,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 1:17:00.00; 30,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 1:30:00.00; 35,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 1:43:00.00; 40,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 1:56:00.00; 45,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 2:09:00.00; 50,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 2:22:00.00; 55,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 2:35:00.00; 60,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 2:48:00.00; 65,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 3:01:00.00; 70,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 3:14:00.00; 75,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 3:27:00.00; 80,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 3:40:00.00; 85,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 3:53:00.00; 90,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 4:06:00.00; 95,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 4:19:00.00; 100,000m: S. Bruce (Bangor) 4:32:00.00.

BASEBALL

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